

## **Graduate Diversity Event Application Personal Statement Guidelines**

The Department of Anthropology and the Department of Geography, Environment and Society (GES) ask that in support of your Diversity Event application, you write a narrative statement (up to 750 words double-spaced) on how your background, experiences, insights, and achievements shape your interests in the pursuit of graduate studies in these broad fields of interests. This statement is an integral part of your application and will be weighted heavily in its evaluation.

### **Here are the kinds of things we will be looking for in your personal statement:**

- how you became interested in Anthropology or Geography;
- a brief description of any participation in research, applied anthropology or geography, or employment that might be relevant to your application;
- describe your educational and career objectives; and
- the motivating factors in your decision for applying for this Graduate Diversity Recruitment event and to explore graduate opportunities in Anthropology or Geography.

**Your statement should then be sent electronically to [anth-ges@umn.edu](mailto:anth-ges@umn.edu).**

The Department of Anthropology and Department of Geography, Environment & Society are very committed to diversity, broadly understood, and our statements can be viewed here:

[Department of Anthropology: Diversity & Inclusion](#)

[Department of Geography, Environment & Society: Diversity](#)