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University of California Personal Insight Questions

Personal insight questions are about getting to know you better — your life experience, interests, ambitions and inspirations. Think of it as your interview with the admissions office. Be open. Be reflective. Find your individual voice and express it.

You will have 8 questions to choose from. You must respond to any 4 of the 8 questions. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.

1. *Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time.*

2. *Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.*

3. *What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?*

4. *Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.*

5. *Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?*

6. *Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.*

7. *What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?*

8. *Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?*