

As part of your application to the Anthropology Masters program, you must submit a Statement of Purpose. When evaluating applications, the admissions committee pays close attention to applicants' (A) intended research agendas or study topics of interest, (B) intellectual and methodological fits with the desired faculty member(s) under whom they wish to study, (C) preparation for success in the program, and (D) ethical standards and aims.

Below are several questions that we suggest students address in their statements. Note that we do not require that statements address all of these listed topics, but we appreciate well-edited and well-justified statements with specific information.

- A. Why are you interested in joining the Anthropology Masters program?** Why do you find the program appealing? How would your admission advance your career goals?
- B. Which faculty advisor(s) are you interested in working with and why?** We expect that you reach out directly to the faculty member(s) you are interested in working with as you compile your application materials. **At this time, a willing faculty advisor is not a requisite to admission into the program.** Please note that the Masters program does not provide financial support in any form (e.g., scholarships or TAs) but you may wish to discuss possible research funding with potential advisors.
- C. What research questions and/or study topics are you interested in exploring as a Masters student?**
- D. Are there any experiences that you feel have prepared you for success in a Masters program in Anthropology?** You might discuss what specific academic or professional experiences provide a strong foundation for your success as a graduate student, or what obstacles you have overcome to reach this point.
- E. Have you contributed to or plan to contribute to promoting diversity** either i) within Anthropology or ii) more broadly in society? (educational outreach, inclusive pedagogy, community-based research, mentoring)
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Please limit your statement to three double spaced pages of text. Use 11-point font size or larger. Page margins should measure at least 1 inch.