

PS (personal statement)跟一般入学申请essay不同,像是一份学业计划书,旨在说明为何想申请这间学校,预计在学校内学习哪些技能,毕业后的规划等等。PS顾名思义就是申请者的自述,阐述想要申请的研究计画目标为何。透过PS,学校目的是了解申请者的学业目标,动机及能力等等

[Contents]

- 1) PS是唯一一个能够阐述自己“长处”的文书
 - a. 必须写出优点或人生经验
 - b. 审查委员们想知道申请者的个人特点. 如果是社会科学相关,更是如此
 - c. 能提出克服艰难情况并成功的例子,更能引起注意
 - d. 如果无法和申请动机扯上关系,最好不要提
 - e. 因为研究生必须和教授们一起做研究,审查委员偏好做人圆滑的申请者。因此,最好说明曾做过公益活动或是曾为某组织的一员,但请著墨于透过这样的经验,学习到人际关系处理等等
 - f. 表现出自己对于想要的都能一手掌握的自信
- 2) 过于自夸的行为,请务必小心
 - a. 在撰写克服困难时,千万不要写“因此,我才能如此厉害”,而应该要写经过这些,对我造成了什么影响
 - b. 以为何想要深造此领域的契机和经历为主要着墨点
- 3) 别自曝短处
 - a. 写出短处时,务必一起写出成功克服的例子
 - b. 如果必须得说明学业成绩低的原因,一起附上Appendage(附档)
- 4) 审查委员为了解申请者背景,请别忘记写出
 - a. 为什么想来美国留学?
 - b. 什么原因让你想要申请该校的该计画?
 - c. 想深造此领域的原因为何?(动机与目标)
 - d. 跟申请领域相关的过往经验?(硕士论文,研究计画,其他课外活动)(Academic and Social backgrounds)
 - e. 学业结束后,计画为何?
- 5) 审查委员不想知道申请者以下资料
 - a. 出生地及家族
 - b. 已经出现过的毕业学校及学业成绩

[Structure]

- **Introduction**
 - **Introduce yourself, your interests and motivations**
 - 决定出国深造的契机,重要事件,研究计画或是人生经验等等以及有兴趣的领域
- **Body**
 - **Summarize your undergraduate career and discuss the relevance of your recent and current activities with your interest.**
 - 亲自参与过的研究计画(与哪位教授合作,研究计画title,担任角色,学习到什么,如何发掘问题,该研究计画结果为何)及学位论文与未来申请的专业有何相关性
 - 如在申请研究所前有工作经验,那必须撰写工作经验与未来申请专业有什么关联性
 - **Describe your professional goals**
 - 提出一个对于申请领域的问题,并表示将来要透过求学过程去找解答
 - 毕业后的人生规划
 - **Explain why this school**

- 为何非此学校不可的理由(为何是美国,培养专业时,有什么帮助)
- 如在申请的学校中,有发现喜欢的教授或是研究计画等等,在此做具体的说明及期待

• Conclusion

- 说明学业计画,经验,能力能对学校产生什么帮助
- 文章结尾须积极并表现出期待接受新挑战的自信感

*必须让学校审查委员或教授们认为自己对于申请领域极有兴趣并拥有许多相关专业知识,甚至是能够立即帮助学校现行研究计画的申请者 *

[Do & Don't]

Do	Do not
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be specific, not general. • Be comfortable with the image of yourself that you're presenting. • Pay attention to detail-- absolutely no spelling or grammatical errors. • Your statement must be neat and error free. No excuses. You must make a good impression. • Leadership role activities • Career objectives and goals • Let your personality and individuality show. Give insight about your hopes, goals, motivations, and dedication. Be interesting and unique. • Do not be afraid to let your passion and commitment to a career shine through. • Keep a journal of your work and volunteer experience. • Get an early start. This cannot be stressed enough. • Be honest, consistent and straightforward. • Schools prefer unique essays, so avoid copying any others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't underestimate the importance of the essay (a very common mistake). • Don't underestimate the length of time it will take to write your statement. • Don't have someone else write it for you! There are ethical issues involved here. Besides, you are the best spokesperson for yourself. • Don't list everything you have ever done. There is usually a place on the application to list your activities. • Avoid giving unnecessary details. The statement should read smoothly. • Don't mention your interest for one particular school in a general application that is being sent to many schools, and vice versa. • Don't tell the admissions committee how amazing you are • Don't use qualifiers such as rather, quite, somewhat, probably, possibly, etc. • Don't use "nice" "thing" (informal words)

[PS 英文作文有利表现]

- While preparing to ____ I gained not only much new knowledge and experience but also confidence that devoting myself to ____ was the right decision.

- During last ____, I have spent most of my time carrying out research and attending a number of extra-curricular lectures and seminars in ____. My favorite lectures were ____
- When I was taking special laboratory courses on _____, I was struck by _____
- Of great interest to me was ____ / ____ is of great interest to me
I found _____ to be of the greatest interest to me.
I especially enjoyed working on _____
- To my mind it is of key importance to have possibilities to obtain excellent education and to conduct certain research projects independently that is why I consider doctoral studies at ____ university as the next professional stepping stone in my career.
- Further, earning a Ph.D. in ____ would advance my other goals by adding to my creative and analytical skills in ____ as well as in working with _____.
- To help you understand my current goals better, I would like to explain my educational experience up to this point.
- My extensive knowledge of _____ proved to be very useful in understanding the principles that underlie _____.
- Besides studying general and theoretical ____ at ____ I started to attend advanced lectures in my major at _____.
- My interest in _____ deepened when I joined ____ of Professor _____
- Currently I am working on a second research project____
Now my interests in science lie in the area of _____
Our current work concerns investigation of _____
- This research is/was especially interesting because _____
- All these significantly improved my understanding of the subject and further enhanced my interest in it.
- I successfully defended a Bachelor of Science senior honors thesis on the topic
- After graduation I plan to continue my scientific career in the field of _____

[CHECK LIST]

- [] Organization ...
 - [] A "hook" that demonstrates your passion for the field
 - [] Segué to your background in the field
 - [] Description of your academic background in the field
 - [] Specific classes you have taken, given by name
 - [] Specific professors you have had, especially if well-known in that field
 - [] Extracurricular activities in the field
 - [] Publications or other professional accomplishments in the field (perhaps conference presentations or public readings)
 - [] Explanations about problems in background (if needed)
 - [] Explanation of why you have chosen the specific grad school
 - [] Mention one or two professors in that school and what you know of and appreciate about their work
 - [] Specific features of the grad program which attract you
- [] Get advice from several of your professors — philosophical advice as well as specific writing advice

- [] Proofread and copyedit; ask friends to proofread and copyedit as well
- [] Keep working on the statement of purpose, even after you have already sent it to school(s) with earlier deadline(s)

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