

GUIDANCE FOR WRITING A MASTER'S OR PHD APPLICATION

This document contains links to various resources to assist you in the process of compiling an application to a master's or PhD program. Many of these have been found through posts on Twitter. The sources are linked next to each item. As these are sometimes documents within someone's personal Google Drive or other cloud storage, links may break if files are moved. This is not a comprehensive list but rather can serve as a starting point in your search for these resources.

PERSONAL STATEMENTS / STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE

[Personal statements for graduate school \(Muneer Yaqub\)](#)

[Sample statement of purpose \(Muneer Yaqub\)](#)

[Example statement of purpose \(Muneer Yaqub\)](#)

[Sample graduate school statement of purpose three \(PrepScholar\)](#)

[University of Connecticut English PhD statement of purpose 1 \(University of Connecticut\)](#)

[Tips on writing a statement of purpose \(Central European University's Center for Academic Writing\)](#)

[Writing a statement of purpose letter for graduate school applications \(Interactive Measurement Group\)](#)

[How to write a winning statement of purpose for graduate school \(Muneer Yaqub\)](#)

[Top 10 tips for writing a statement of purpose \(Drexel University\)](#)

[Statement of purpose \(SOP\) for PhD: Writing tips & format \(Shiksha Study Abroad\)](#)

[Tweet thread by Chris Blattman on how to write a strong statement of purpose](#)

CV

[Example of an academic CV \(Johanson Chibuke Onyegbula\)](#)

[Academic CV samples and guide from the University of Illinois \(Muneer Yaqub\)](#)

[Developing an academic CV from the University of Milwaukee \(Muneer Yaqub\)](#)

[Career Services – CV from the University of Manitoba \(Muneer Yaqub\)](#)

[How to write a strong CV for master's or PhD \(Muneer Yaqub\)](#)

GRE PREPARATION

[GRE prep materials \(Magoosh\)](#)

[GRE prep materials \(Manhattan Prep\)](#)

[GRE prep materials \(ETS\)](#)

GENERAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

[Chris Blattman's blog](#) has a wide range of advice for people considering or currently enrolled in a PhD program. He provides helpful advice on everything from writing a statement of purpose, securing funding, the job market for PhD holders, predoctoral positions, applying to PhD programs, and much more.

[Graduate Applications International Network \(GAIN\)](#) provides a range of resources related to choosing and applying to PhD as well as advice and ideas for ways to prepare for a PhD.