



Writing Center Academic Affairs

Statement of Purpose Links

A simple search on the internet comes up with innumerable sites offering advice and examples on writing a statement of purpose. Here are some links to get you started.

Capital University – offers a FREE 6-page step-by-step guide:

- <https://www.capital.edu/media/bcgjbqsu/personal-statement-guide.pdf>

College Essay Guy – offers a FREE complete guide on how to write a personal statement, along with examples and exercises to help you get started:

- <https://www.collegeessayguy.com/blog/how-to-write-a-college-essay>
- <https://www.collegeessayguy.com/get-the-free-guide-to-writing-the-personal-statement>
- <https://www.collegeessayguy.com/blog/personal-statement-examples>
- <https://www.collegeessayguy.com/blog/the-values-exercise>

Grammarly has general tips and tips for grad school:

- https://www.grammarly.com/blog/academic-writing/personal-statement/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMIxNH_89yA-wIVURTUAR12jglhEAAYASAAEgIXk_D_BwE&gclidsrc=aw.ds
- <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/academic-writing/personal-statement-grad-school/>

Purdue Owl:

- https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/job_search_writing/preparing_an_application/writing_the_personal_statement/index.html
- https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/job_search_writing/preparing_an_application/writing_the_personal_statement/top_10_rules_and_pitfalls.html

UHCL Writing Center – Links to the Writing Center handout about writing a statement of purpose and to the appointment calendar so you can make an appointment to have the Writing Center review your SOP for FREE.

- <https://www.uhcl.edu/writing-center/documents/tip-sheets/personal-statements-spring2026.pdf>
- <https://uhcl.mywconline.com/>

WISH DC – with a focus on internships

- <https://internsdc.com/how-to-write-personal-statement-intern-applications/>

Example with explanations

- https://www.jmu.edu/learning/writing-center/files/link-library/annotated-personal-statement.pdf?jmu_redir=r_uwc