

Reflection and Writing Exercise for the Personal Essay

What from your experience/education made you want to pursue this professional/graduate degree?

When did you first become interested in this field? How have you been pursuing your interest? (e.g. education, volunteer work, professional experience)

What attracts you to this field? What most appeals to you about this program – in general (i.e. the field of study) and more specifically (i.e. the particular department or school's program)?

What makes you and your interests a good 'fit'? How is the program related to your goals?

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