

Instructions for 2-page Personal Statement

As part of your application, we ask that you write and submit a Personal Statement. This statement should be a maximum of 2 pages in length with 1-inch margins, Times New Roman 12-point font, and 1.5 line spacing.

Note: Your Personal and Research statements may be combined into one file when submitting your application, as the application system may only allow you to upload one document. The Personal and Research Statements should be identified separately within the document.

In your Personal Statement, please address the following:

1. Why do you want to obtain a Ph.D.?
 - a. What do you want to do with a Ph.D.? How will you utilize it?
 - b. Why is a Ph.D. needed?
 - c. Why do you want to obtain a Ph.D. in Personal Financial Planning from K-State?
2. What do you consider to be strengths that will help you become an outstanding researcher and educator? Elaborate on any training, skills, or experiences that will help you succeed in the doctoral program.
3. What do you consider to be the area(s) that will need most attention during your training?

Resources that may be helpful as you prepare your Personal Statement:

Columbia University Center for Career Education. (n.d.) *How to write a personal statement for a PhD program application*. <https://www.careereducation.columbia.edu/resources/how-write-personal-statement-phd-program-application>

Kansas State University. (n.d.). *Graduate student resources*. Career Center. <https://www.k-state.edu/careercenter/students/connect/gradstudents/>

Purdue Online Writing Lab. (n.d.). *Writing the personal statement*. https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/job_search_writing/preparing_an_application/writing_the_personal_statement/index.html