

Statement of Purpose

Length: 500 words or less

Primarily, explain:

1. Your purpose for starting or continuing graduate study,
2. Why you want to study at Iowa State University,
3. Your professional plans, your career goals, and your research interests, and
4. Any experience that is particularly applicable to the program for which you're applying

Secondarily, elaborate on:

1. Any irregularities or special circumstances applicable to your application,
2. Your special abilities, awards, achievements, scholarly publications, and professional history as it relates to the program of interest, and
3. Any prior research information, or contact with specific Iowa State program faculty