
Begin your Statement of Purpose with these identifying points in a cover page or at the top of the document:

- **Last Name**
- **First Name**
- **University ID number**
- **Submission Date**
- **Title: "PHD Statement of Purpose"**

Write the statement of purpose according to instructions below. After completion, save as a PDF document for your records, and then upload your Statement of Purpose to your Admissions Profile in [MyUI](#).

The doctoral program in social work at the University of Iowa seeks to develop scholars who will assume academic and leadership positions. Like most PhD programs in social work, we have a strong focus on preparing students to conduct research.

Write a 3-5 page essay that describes your career goals and explains how a PhD in social work will advance your career goals. Your essay should also provide a detailed discussion of your research interests and possible research question(s). Finally, describe your reasons for applying to the University of Iowa.

Optional (1-page): Provide additional information useful to the admissions committee, such as explaining inconsistencies in your academic record or strengths, abilities or accomplishments not addressed in your essay or in your CV.

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