

Statement of Purpose Prompt

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION: QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS APPLICANTS

In your statement, please address the following question:

- How has your experience in the HGSE Ed.M. program motivated you or influenced you to pursue the graduate certificate in quantitative research methods? What skills or knowledge do you hope to gain in this second year of graduate study, and how do you see the certificate fitting into your longer-term career goals?

(Word limit = 1000)

Statement of Purpose Tips and FAQ

WHAT MAKES A STRONG STATEMENT OF PURPOSE?

The Statement of Purpose is your opportunity to show the admissions committee your commitment to education and to pursuing graduate study at HGSE. You are encouraged to share parts of your personal story, especially those that relate to your motivation to work in education and that demonstrate your experiences in the field.

A strong Statement of Purpose will clearly show your commitment to making a positive impact in the field of education. It should also clarify how HGSE and your chosen program directly align with your personal and professional goals and what you plan to do with the education and tools you acquire during your time here.

You are strongly encouraged to review the available information about our [degrees and programs](#) prior to writing your Statement of Purpose to ensure your goals and objectives align with your selected program.

DO I NEED TO CITE SOURCES IN MY STATEMENT OF PURPOSE?

If you are using quotes or referring to work done by another individual, you should cite your sources. We do not have a preferred citation format, nor will a citation count towards the word limit.

Please remember that your Statement of Purpose should focus on your experience and goals for graduate study. Applicants are not advised to rely too heavily on the ideas or work of other individuals.

DO I NEED TO REFER TO SPECIFIC FACULTY MEMBERS OR COURSES IN MY STATEMENT OF PURPOSE?

You are not required to refer to specific faculty members or courses in your Statement of Purpose, but you are welcome to if you feel there is a faculty member whose work aligns with your goals for graduate study or courses you can connect to your stated interests.

IF I AM APPLYING TO MULTIPLE GRADUATE PROGRAMS, CAN I USE THE SAME STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS?

You may decide how to approach your Statement of Purpose, but the strongest statements are those that are specific to HGSE. The Admissions Committee uses the Statement of Purpose not only to evaluate writing skills but also to understand your fit with HGSE and your chosen program. You are encouraged to review the available information about our [degree programs](#) and make clear connections between your interests and goals and the resources available at HGSE.

CAN I USE CHATGPT OR OTHER GENERATIVE AI TO ASSIST WITH THE WRITING OF MY STATEMENT OF PURPOSE?

The use of generative artificial intelligence or machine learning software is permitted only for assisting with edits and/or identifying grammatical errors. The content of your statement must be your own.

As a general rule, wherever it would be inappropriate to ask a human contributor to do work for you, it is equally inappropriate for you to prompt an AI tool to do work for you.