Using Examples and Finding Resources for Writing Graduate School Application Statements

**Using Examples**
Some schools will post examples of statements of purpose from previous applicants. Reviewing the examples can:

- Give you an idea of what a successful application looks like for a particular program
- Help you formulate a structure for your own statements

Reviewing examples can also:

- Cause stress because you may question your own writing ability
- Deter you from writing in your own voice because you think your statement has to be the same

**Online Resources**
Online resources can help you with:

- general writing conventions
- grammar and syntax rules
- word definitions and proper usage
- synonyms

Some resources are:

- Purdue Writing Lab: [https://owl.purdue.edu/](https://owl.purdue.edu/)
- Grammarly: [www.grammarly.com](http://www.grammarly.com)
- Five Minute English: [http://www.5minuteenglish.com/grammar.htm](http://www.5minuteenglish.com/grammar.htm)
- Merriam-Webster Dictionary & Thesaurus: [www.merriam-webster.com](http://www.merriam-webster.com)

**Writing Help**

- Pre-Graduate Advisor, Susan Belmonte (Make an appointment through Advisor Link at [https://advisor.gatech.edu](https://advisor.gatech.edu))
- GT CommLab.  [communicationcenter.gatech.edu](http://communicationcenter.gatech.edu)