

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/>
- Grammarly: www.grammarly.com
- Five Minute English: <http://www.5minuteenglish.com/grammar.htm>
- Merriam-Webster Dictionary & Thesaurus: www.merriam-webster.com

Writing Help

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