What We Will Cover Today

- Guidelines for today’s webinar
- Components of the Graduate School Application
- Maximizing this summer… and beyond!
- Questions
Components of the Graduate School Application
Components of the PhD Application

- The Online Application: Demographic and Institutional Information
- Personal Statement
- Transcript(s)
- Diversity Statement
- Letters of Recommendation
- GRE score(s)
- CV/Resume
- Special Requirements: writing sample, book review, etc.
The Personal Statement

What should the Personal Statement cover?

- Background Information: Keep it brief and relevant
- Your motivation for pursuing a PhD
- Academic/Research Experience: highlight and explain the significance of your qualifications. Don’t replicate the CV
- Your broader goals and motivations
- Other areas or issues arising from your CV
- Create base template; customize for each school/program
Demystifying the Personal Statement and Diversity Statement in Graduate School Applications

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Maximizing this Summer
...and beyond!

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Create a PhD Master Calendar

- List all dates relevant to Application Process
  - Test Dates
  - Application Deadlines
  - Letter of Recommendation Deadlines
  - Transcript Reminders

- Create calendar in a separate app/document before creating alerts in your general calendar

- Make it easily accessible
Request a Copy of your transcript(s)
- Make sure the information is accurate
- Request corrections if necessary

Write the first draft of your Personal Statement
- Have two colleagues read it and give feedback

Make short list of programs you will apply to
- Research programs within your interest
- Create a ranking profile based on location, cost, stipends, reputation, student retention, etc.

Write a draft of your CV that can be easily distributed and updated

Map institutional resources that can assist in the application process
- Reach out during the summer, opportunity for personalized service

Create short list of faculty who can write exceptional letters of recommendation

Create plan of study for GREs
Meet with faculty mentors
- Discuss short list of programs you are interested in
- Ascertain programs they have contacts at
- Share Personal Statement for review

Request Letters of Recommendation
- Contact faculty members on your short list asking if they can write letters
- Provide copy of CV

Determine deadlines
- Schools have issued their applications - determine deadlines and add to master calendar

Determine dates and deadline for GRE
Take or retake GREs
Pull together other parts of application
  Diversity Statement, writing sample, etc.
  Have them reviewed
Start completing applications
  Determine which schools offer waivers
November

- Complete outstanding applications
- Submit transcript requests
- Remind faculty of letters of recommendation
The Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences invites talented prospective graduate students from diverse backgrounds and experiences to explore graduate programs offered at Yale University.

Program Features
- Meet Yale faculty and graduate students
- Tour the campus and research facilities
- Sit in on a graduate-level course
- Learn more about the Graduate Admissions Process
- Participate in Professional Development Workshops

Eligibility
- Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents
- Applicants should be college graduates or seniors who should graduate no later than summer 2019 and anticipate graduate school enrollment in fall 2019
- Demonstrate serious consideration to attend Yale University

Learn More and Apply: http://gsas.yale.edu/diversity/preview-days-2018

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