

Planning for Graduate Studies



> Your Written Statement

When applying for Graduate Studies, you will likely have to provide a written document outlining why you are pursuing that particular area of study. Within your written statement, you may need to identify your intent, purpose and intended research. You may also have to provide similar information if you are applying for scholarships or bursaries.

Take your time before preparing your written statement! Learn as much as possible about the particular area of study you are interested in.

There are two things that you can do to acquire more information to prepare a well written statement:

1. Attend conferences, events and presentations to increase your knowledge and understanding in your area of interest.
2. Research the program of

study you are considering to gain a better understanding of the specifics of that particular topic area.

The primary purpose of preparing this statement is for the admissions office to determine if you are a good fit for their area of study. Be creative, but be to the point! Your background and how it relates to the area of study you are interested in is likely what the admissions office is looking for.

It is important to visit the website of the faculty you are considering applying for and carefully read the admission requirements for the area of study for that faculty. Most faculty sites identify what information is required in your written statement. Contact the admissions advisor for the program you are applying to if you have further questions about preparing your written statement.

For more information on admission requirements at Alberta universities, contact the Faculty of Graduate Studies:

> Athabasca University
<http://fgs.athabascau.ca>

> University of Alberta
www.gradstudies.ualberta.ca

> University of Calgary
www.grad.ucalgary.ca

> University of Lethbridge
www.uleth.ca/graduatestudies

> Concordia University
College of Alberta
<http://graduatestudies.concordia.ab.ca>

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