



Essay – Academic Goals and Research Interests

Applicants for admission to the Graduate School at UMB are required to submit a 300- to 500-word essay that outlines their academic and research interests as well as their goals and objectives in pursuing graduate education. The essay must include the following:

- Last Name/Family Name, First Name, Middle Initial
- Date of Birth - month and day only, for identification purposes only
- A current postal address or email address
- Your desired degree program (and concentration, track, specialty area, if any)
- A discussion of your academic objectives and contemplated research projects that pertain to your proposed area of study. Be sure to include your career goals and relevant work experience, as appropriate.

The ‘identification’ items should precede the text of your essay, preferably at the very top right-hand or top left-hand corner of each page. For example:

Last Name, First Name MI (please type your name exactly as you entered it for on-line application)

DOB – 6/16

Address – student@universityofus.edu

Desired Program – PhD, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Your essay must be typed. If you are applying on-line, you may copy and paste your essay into the on-line application which is at <https://www.simsweb.umaryland.edu/pls/SIMS/bwskalog.P DispLoginNon>. Specific instructions for loading your essay into the application are contained within the on-line application.

If you do not include your essay as part of the on-line application, it must be sent directly to the graduate program to which you are seeking admission. It may be sent via postal mail, or it may be sent electronically as an attached Word document or PDF. If you are sending your essay via email, please use “Academic Goals and Research Interests” as your subject line. Contact information for each graduate program may be found at <http://www.graduate.umaryland.edu/programs/>.