# Application Essay

Consider and write your essay carefully, as the committee places significant weight on the essay. Here are some questions you may want to consider while writing the essay:

- Why have you selected the field of your choice?
- What motivates you to learn more about this field?
- What do you want the professional schools to know about you that has not been disclosed in other sections of the application?

In addition, you may wish to include:

- Unique hardships, challenges, and obstacles that may have influenced your educational pursuits.
- Insight into significant fluctuations in your academic record that are not explained elsewhere in your application.

Professional schools receive all text-entry responses as plain text. This means that formatting options such as bulleted lists, indented paragraphs, and bold and italic fonts do not appear for reviewers and are not available in the application. You may want to include an extra space between paragraphs because the essay does not permit indentation. We strongly recommend drafting your essay in a text only application like Notepad or TextEdit before copying and pasting your finalized work into this application. **Your completed essay should be entered into the open text box in the online application.**

Please keep the following in mind:

- Proofread carefully! No changes (including corrections to grammatical or typographical errors) may be made to your essay after you submit your application.
- Professional schools prefer to receive applications that follow normal writing practices regarding the case of letters; avoid using all uppercase or all lowercase letters for your text responses.
- Plagiarism or misrepresentation may result in an investigation.
- It isn't necessary to repeat information reported elsewhere in your application.
- The space allotted for the essay is 5,300 characters (including spaces and punctuation) in this application, but please note that there is variability in essay length among the different professional school applications. You will receive an error message if you exceed the character limit.