Essay List

Stanford

Stanford University regards the diversity of its graduate student body as an important factor in serving the educational mission of the university. We encourage you to share unique, personally important, and/or challenging factors in your background, such as work and life experiences, special interests, culture, socioeconomic status, the quality of your early educational environment, gender, sexual orientation, race or ethnicity. Please discuss how such factors would contribute to the diversity of the entering class, and hence to the experience of your Stanford classmates. (700 chars)

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UCSD

If more than six months have elapsed since the date of your last university enrollment, please describe what you have been doing. (2500 chars)

After I graduated from National Taiwan University in June, 2012, I spent a month archiving all the data and figures I produced at Theoretical Chemistry Lab as well as Communications and Multimedia Lab. I also wrote several reports, to explain in detail the experiements I conducted and the programs I wrote. Then, I began my mandatory military service, as Taiwanese government forbids citizens above 18 who have not finished their service to stay in foreign countries over a defined duration. My time of service spans from August, 2012 to July, 2013. For the purpose of idling as less as possible, I carefully organized my schedule within the short holidays during my service to apply for graduate schools in the U.S., and plan to start pursuing a graduate degree abroad in computer science from fall, 2013.

Georgia

Please describe your background (academic and extracurricular) and experience, including research, teaching, industry, and other relevant information. Your space is limited to 2000 characters.

Please give a Statement of Purpose detailing your academic and research goals as well as career plans. Include your reasons for choosing the College of Computing as opposed to other programs and/or other universities. Your space is limited to 4000 characters.

UCSB

Personal Achievements/Contributions Statement  
UC Santa Barbara is interested in a diverse and inclusive graduate student population. Please describe any aspects of your personal background, accomplishments, or achievements that you feel are important in evaluating your application for graduate study. For example, please describe if you have experienced economic challenges in achieving higher education, such as being financially responsible for family members or dependents, having to work significant hours during undergraduate schooling or coming from a family background of limited income. Please describe if you have any unusual or varied life experiences that might contribute to the diversity of the graduate group, such as fluency in other languages, experience living in bicultural communities, academic research interests focusing on cultural, societal, or educational problems as they affect underserved segments of society, or evidence of an intention to use the graduate degree toward serving disadvantaged individuals or populations.

Yale

Did you have any breaks in your educational or professional experience? If you answered "Yes", please "upload" a document indicating the period and provide a brief explanation even if you have referenced this elsewhere in this application.

The Yale Graduate School is strongly committed to attracting qualified students of diverse backgrounds to its community of scholars. Applicants are invited, if they wish, to include with their application, a statement on how their background and life experience would contribute to diversity within the Graduate School community and to the School's commitment to training individuals in an increasingly diverse society. (optional 200-300 words)

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Dartmouth

A 100-line sample of code you have written in any language. Explain in one paragraph why you chose this code. Please do not include more than 100 lines.

Two pages of a computer-science paper you have written for a conference, a class, or out of personal interest. If the paper is a multi-author paper, choose a section that is primarily your own work, and explain your contribution. Please do not include more than two pages. \* Masters applicants please do not include more than two pages.

UV

Tell us about your research interest. Be sure to list preferred research area(s), and indicate how strongly focused or flexible your research interests are.

Describe your objectives in seeking an advanced degree. Tell us what you want to do five or ten years from now, and what career path you might prefer (academia, research institute, consulting, industry, military, government).