**Topics:**

* Current career path and future career aspirations
* Plan of study, focus areas and skills you wish to develop
* Relevant material from your admission essays

**Format:**

* 200-300 words
* 12-point type, single-spaced
* Include your name at the top of each page (last name, first name)
* Save your file as a PDF and name it in this format: last name, first name - PS.pdf

I am currently a product manager building platforms and products for technical users (e.g., data scientists, machine learning researchers, software engineers). My background is highly technical – I studied Computer Science with an AI specialization and spent the first part of my career as a research software engineer. In the future, I hope to continue gaining experience as a technical PM (eventually becoming a people manager) or to become a founder who applies innovative AI technology to the social problems we face in America today. Companies I follow closely and admire for successfully applying innovation to systemic issues include Afresh – an AI-powered operating system to help combat food waste – and Recidiviz – a non-profit partnering with criminal justice agencies to advance their usage of data and ultimately reduce incarceration.

While I am confident in my technical background – and hope to develop increased expertise in AI and Machine Learning through a joint degree with the CS department – I hope to focus on strengthening my leadership, foundational business, and social entrepreneurship skills in order to successfully execute and evangelize people on innovative ideas. I want to learn how to influence and manage a successful team and organization, and how to be a more equitable and inclusive leader. I also hope to sharpen my business acuity (with a focus on technology businesses), understanding how to proactively identify product/market fit and building the foundational knowledge of how to stand up and grow a sustainable business.