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## SCHOOL FOR PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT Graduate Programs and Certificates

## **ADMISSIONS ESSAY**

Please write a personal statement of 600 to 1000 words that describes your academic goals and how your character relates to them.

Specifically include the following in your personal statement: your short- and long-term professional goals; how you believe this program will help you enhance your progress toward those goals; what makes our program a good fit for you; what you have done to prepare for graduate work. We are looking for more than simply a reiteration of what we can see from your transcript or resume. We want you to share what motivates you, what you are passionate about, what drives you. You might include stories from your life that you feel speak to who you are, such as an example of a time when you faced and overcame a challenge, a time when you were faced with an ethical dilemma or an experience that had a profound impact on who you are as a person.