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Your academic transcripts must be official, and Social Security numbers must be marked out. Transcripts not written in English must be submitted with a certified English translation. It can take some time to procure your academic transcripts, so don’t delay on this step!

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You will write two essays for the admissions committee. Your statement of purpose should explain why you are pursuing graduate study, why you want to come to Purdue and your interests, professional plans and career goals. Your personal history statement should explain how your background and life experiences have prepared you to interact with scholars and faculty with diverse interests, abilities and backgrounds and to succeed in graduate school. Use 300-500 carefully crafted words for each of these critical tasks.

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