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### **Statement of Purpose (all applicants)**

Applicants should discuss the professional, academic and personal experiences that have most contributed to their desire to study international relations, their specific interest in the intended area of focus at SAIS, and professional goals/objectives upon graduation. This essay should be no more than 600 words.

You will have the opportunity to print this essay as part of the final review in the submission process.

### **Supplemental Essay (M.A. only)**

Discuss an issue of national or international importance and its concern to you. This essay should be no more than 600 words.

You will have the opportunity to print this essay as part of the final review in the submission process.

### **Statement of Funding (M.I.P.P. only)**

M.I.P.P. candidates are not eligible for SAIS fellowships. Thus, M.I.P.P. applicants must submit a brief statement explaining how they plan to fund their M.I.P.P. study or whether the cost of their study will be sponsored.

You will have the opportunity to print this essay as part of the final review in the submission process.

### **Dissertation Topic (Ph.D. only)**

Ph.D. applicants should describe their proposed dissertation topic, including research methods to be used and tentative plans for fieldwork abroad. The essay should indicate the SAIS faculty members with whom the applicant is likely to work, and the relation of the dissertation topic to their work. This essay should be no more than 600 words.

You will have the opportunity to print this essay as part of the final review in the submission process.

### **Writing Sample (Ph.D. only)**

Ph.D. applicants should submit a piece of analytical writing between fifteen and forty pages (double-spaced). The most useful sample is a research paper based on sources in the field of specialization to which the applicant has applied at SAIS, but a piece of analytical writing in another field is acceptable. The applicant must be the sole author.

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