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Executive MPA Application Statement of Intent Prompts

The Statement of Intent provides applicants an opportunity to share key information about themselves with the EMPA admissions committee members. In particular, we are interested in you, your professional interests and goals, and why you believe the EMPA Program is the next step in your professional development. We recommend an approximately 250-350 word response per prompt, for a total of 2-3 pages.

1. Why you?

You may want to consider some of the following questions when crafting your response. It is not necessary to answer all of the following questions.

- What kind of organizational positions have you held?
- What kinds of responsibilities did you have in these positions with respect to supervising individuals, managing programs, overseeing budgets, dealing with stakeholders, etc.?
- What have you learned about leadership in your career?
- What broader lessons have you taken away from your career so far?

2. Why the EMPA?

You may want to consider some of the following questions when crafting your response. It is not necessary to answer all of the following questions.

- What specific aspects of PSU's EMPA program resonate with you?
- In what ways do you think the EMPA degree will better prepare you to meet future work challenges and opportunities?
- What leadership knowledge, skills, and competencies do you hope to gain?

3. Why now?

You may want to consider some of the following questions when crafting your response. It is not necessary to answer all of the following questions.

- How has your career up to this point led you to the decision to pursue an Executive MPA degree?
- What do you see as the trajectory of your career in the years ahead?
- How do you envision the Executive MPA Program contributing to your current and future goals, aspirations, and learning objectives?