

Writing the Personal Statement

Brainstorm: Think about a moment where you learned something significant about yourself or your education. Write everything you can remember about this moment.

With this moment in mind, answer the questions below.

1. What did you learn from this experience?
2. Did it change or influence your way of thinking about the world? How?
3. Think of one example of an opportunity (class, internship, extracurricular, abroad, etc.) that has been influenced by this experience.
4. What skills or valuable insight did you gain? What skills would you like to strengthen or refine? *If you have an award or program in mind, like Fulbright, maybe ask yourself how this specific program will be a valuable experience.*