

Stellar Statement of Purpose

FOR UCDC

- * Your statement of purpose should not exceed 2 pages double-spaced, 12 pt. font
- * Submit online by uploading your document in PDF format on the SIS portal (sis.ucdc.edu) under the ACADEMIC INFORMATION tab.



SAMPLE STRUCTURE

INTRODUCTION

List your class standing, majors and minors and a short introductory sentence about what you hope to achieve at/through UCDC.

WHY UCDC?

Tell us why you want to participate in the program and what you hope to gain from the experience. What kind of organizations or agencies do you hope to intern with?

Explain how studying in the Washington program would enable you to further your academic, professional, and/or other goals and enhance your undergraduate experience.

Indicate your plans after graduation from UCSC. How do you see the program as contributing to your future goals?



QUALIFICATIONS & HISTORY

This is a place to bring up any current or past programs, employment, and courses that you feel are relevant and make you a qualified candidate for the program.

For example, do you have a history in writing courses that has prepared you for research that demands intensive writing skills? Or, have you been successfully balancing part-time work while being in school? These are impressive skills and you want to showcase them in your statement.

CONCLUSION

Tie it all together by revisiting key points for each section.



KEY TIPS TO REMEMBER WHILE WRITING

- Don't restate your resume. Your statement of purpose should explain a fuller picture of who you are.
- Make connections with different parts of your application (resume experience, course history, employment) to tie it all together.
- Include a personal touch and your voice for authenticity. This will help make your statement stand out.
- Include anything else that might be relevant in reviewing your application.