

ETAP Ph.D. Personal Statement

An important component of the doctoral application process is the Personal Statement. We look to both the content of your statement as well as to its form as a means of assessing your ability to undertake scholarly thinking and writing. We ask that in developing your Personal Statement you make use of the following questions to guide the development of your 2-3 page statement.

What are your reasons for choosing to pursue a PhD in ETAP? Describe relevant experiences that have led you to pursue this PhD. What topics might you want to study in your doctoral program? Explain why. What specific research questions might you want to investigate as part of your course or dissertation work? Discuss. What career might you like to pursue once completing your PhD, and how do you see yourself contributing to that field?