

Statement of Academic Intent for PhD applicants

Limit of 1200 words (Do not exceed the word limit)

1. Introduction - This should be a **very brief section** introducing yourself. State where you are currently and what you want to study.
2. Academic preparation - In this section you need to let us know that you are well prepared academically to undertake PhD research. Below are some points to consider. Be concise.
 - a. Discuss the coursework that you have taken, which serves as a background for your proposed dissertation research.
 - b. Discuss your thesis research, as well as other research you may have conducted, that prepared you for a PHD program. Include any scholarly publications or conference presentations resulting from this research
 - c. Present your relevant work experience, especially if you had any kind of responsibility for testing, designing, researching or interning in an area similar to what you wish to study in graduate school.
3. **Proposed program of research - This should be the main focus of your statement.**
 - a. Indicate your area of interest, and pose a question or define a problem that you would like to address in your PhD research.
 - b. Provide a brief background of your question or problem with reference to the appropriate literature.
 - c. Explain briefly the significance of the research you are proposing.
3. Suitability of the University of Calgary for pursuing the proposed research – This again is a very brief section.
 - a. Look on the web for information about the program/department, including professors and their research.
 - b. Mention the professors whose research interests parallel yours and with whom you would like to work.
 - c. Discuss any unique labs or field opportunities available at the UofC that relate to your research.