

LETTER OF INTENT

INSTRUCTIONS & INFO

Letter Overview:

Some but not all programs may require a letter of intent/statement of purpose. The information you provide will improve the program/department's understanding of your motivations, interests and skills that are not obvious from your grades alone.

Your letter should provide information on:

1. What are your short-term and long-term career goals?
2. How will the acquisition of this degree serve to advance you towards your professional goals?
3. The research area that you are interested in pursuing.
4. The prospective AU faculty mentor you would like to work with (and whether you have been in contact with them).
5. Outline and expand on any relevant research experiences you have.
6. Outline and expand where necessary any future career goals that would be specifically served by attending Auburn University.

Finally, while a Letter of Intent is an important instrument, it is still a personal statement of interest and can appropriately contain any information that the applicant feels is unique or important about their academic or research experience.

This document should be restricted to 1-2 pages and uploaded directly through the AU Graduate School's online application system.

