



**Program: Master of Arts in Humanities** 

**Document:** Document Guidelines [v2.0]

### **How to Compose and Format Your Application Documents**

During the application process, you will be asked to submit a statement of purpose, resume and writing sample. To help you prepare your application documents for submission, please use the following instructions.

## 1. Instructions for Uploading Your Statement of Purpose (SOP):

**SOP Content:** Your Statement of Purpose should explain your interest in the program and describe how you believe this degree will help you to grow professionally.

**SOP Formatting:** Please use the following guidelines to properly format your Statement of Purpose:

- No more than one-page in length, single-spaced paragraph spacing, 12-point type, Times New Roman font
- Include your full name and the page number at the top of each page (e.g. Matty Matador 1).
- File naming convention: first name\_last name\_SOP (ex. John\_Smith\_SOP).
- PDF or Word file formats only

#### 2. Instructions for Uploading Your Resume:

**Resume Content:** The contents of your resume should be an accurate snapshot of your education and relevant work history, as it relates to your application to this program

**Resume Formatting:** Please use the following guidelines to properly format your resume:

- File naming convention: first name last name resume (ex. John Smith Resume).
- PDF or Word file formats only.

#### 3. Instructions for Uploading Your Writing Sample:

**Writing Sample Content:** This sample of your writing can be from many places, examples including: a business letter / marketing materials you wrote for an organization; grant proposal you wrote for work, school or as a volunteer; artistic abstract, script, or traditional college essay or research paper

Writing Sample Formatting: Please use the following guidelines to properly format your sample:

- File naming convention: last name\_first name\_sample (ex. John\_Smith\_Sample)
- PDF or Word file formats only.
- If longer than 10-pages, please choose a 10-page excerpt to include as your example.

# What If I Have Content Questions or Technical Issues?

For help with content: Please contact The Tseng College Office of Graduate and Professional Education (GPE) at (866) 873-6439 / <a href="mailto:programs@csun.edu">programs@csun.edu</a> (Mon-Fri, 8AM-5PM).

If you need technical assistance, please review our "Helpful Tips" page if you encounter any problems while completing the online application. If you are still having technical problems, you may email collexl@csun.edu and a staff member will assist you (Mon-Fri, 8AM-5PM).