CSU Stanislaus LSAMP

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Can be found at:

https://www.cs.csustan.edu/~mmartin/

Personal Statement – some thoughts

- Introduce yourself professionally
- What can you bring to them?
    - Skills and knowledge
    - Passion and desire to learn
    - Hard work
- What can they do for you?
    - More you toward your career goals
    - Provide opportunities to gain skills and knowledge
    - Teach you how to do research
- Why are you a good fit?

Bad Statement of Purpose

- http://www.niu.edu/engagedlearning/_pdfs/grad-school/PREP-Statement-of-Purpose-Bad-Example.pdf
  - We will go through this in some detail
- http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~pavlo/blog/2015/10/how-to-write-a-bad-statement-for-a-computer-science-phd-admissions-application.html
  - Computer Science professor at CMU on some of the mistakes he has seen students make

Advice on Writing

- https://www.uwb.edu/careers/gradschool/application-materials

- http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/pdf/Applying_WritingEssaysAndPersonalStatements.pdf

Resources

- http://www.btaa.org/docs/default-source/diversity/gradschoolguide.pdf
  - Guidebook on graduate school and how to prepare for it
- http://www.csus.edu/nsm/see/student%20resources/enrichment%20programs.html
  - Has link to "Guide to Summer Enrichment & Postbaccalaureate Programs"

Graduate School Applications

- http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~harchol/gradschooltalk.pdf
  - CMU CS Professor on whether you might want to get a PhD and how to apply
- https://www.chronicle.com/article/The-Gentle-Guide-for-Applying/239768
  - Chronicle of Higher Education – The Gentle Guide for Applying to Graduate Schools