



Special Application for Graduate Admission

Name _____

Faculty member(s) who you are interested in working with: _____

_____ Have you contacted them? Yes _____ No _____

Please list your area(s) of research interest:

Include a **professional statement** using the following guidelines:

Prepare a statement, not to exceed two double-spaced pages in length, relative to your objectives in pursuing graduate work. The statement should cover: 1) personal information and background experience relevant to graduate work in RPTM; 2) your area(s) of research interest 3) to the extent that plans are formulated, list the types of positions you hope to obtain after completing the graduate work; 4) explain how you a Master's or PhD degree from the Department of RPTM to help you meet your goals, and why you are interested in Penn State as your doctoral institution; 5) Penn State is committed to diversity and inclusion. How would your previous experiences facilitate you contributing to this mission? 6) Indicate any strengths, research-related skills, teaching or professional experience that you possess that might assist us in the decision process; and 7) any other information that you would like to include.

Do you consider your grades an adequate index of your ability? _____ Yes _____ No
If no, please explain.

Did you take the GRE exam? (required for all students) _____ Yes _____ No

_____ Date you plan to take the GRE

Have you had a research methods course? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please list the institution, instructor, and text:

Was a data-based, empirical thesis or research problem required for your master's program?
_____ Yes _____ No
If yes, give the title(s) or project(s). _____