



SPECIAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All students must complete this application whether or not financial assistance is requested. If further space is needed, use additional sheets. The application *supplements* the official application for admission to Penn State's Graduate School. Return completed application to:

**Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Management
801 Ford Building
University Park, PA 16802**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK

Name _____
(first) (last) (MI)

Present Mailing Address: _____
(street)
_____ (town) (state) (zip code)

Permanent Address _____
(only if different from present) (street)
_____ (town) (state) (zip code)

Permanent Telephone _____ Email address _____
(area code) (telephone number)

Research Lab(s) of Interest _____ Degree MS PhD

Please elaborate on your research interest area(s).

Include the following on resume: (resume must be submitted with application)

- Educational experience, include schools, dates attended and degrees earned (if any)
- Occupational experience (paid or unpaid): teaching, industry exp, armed forces, graduate assistantships, voluntary work, etc. include dates and nature of work.
- Extracurricular activities: in college, and/or community and professional activities since graduation
- Honors
- List of professional or research publications (which bear your name): include reprints if possible
- List and describe briefly any significant papers or other writings that you have done relevant to your professional goals. (You are invited to submit copies of such works; be sure to identify each with name and address, and indicate whether or not you wish it returned following the admission decision.)
- Autobiographical Statement prepare and autobiographical statement, not to exceed three double-spaced pages in length, relative to your objectives in taking graduate work. This provides an opportunity to supplement the other information available to the admissions committee. The statement should cover: (1) personal information and background relevant to graduate work in RPTM; (2) to the extent that plans are formulated, the kinds of positions you hope to obtain after completing graduate work; (3) how you expect the Department of RPTM to help you meet your goals; (4) strengths and weaknesses and special needs in relation to previous and future training; and (5) any other information you would like to include. This statement should be attached to this application form.

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 _____ Date _____ No _____ Date your plan to take GRE _____

Please indicate any special teaching or research related skills that you possess which might assist us in decision making. (Lack of these skills in no way prevents you from being considered for an assistantship.)

Financial Assistance Request (funds administered by the college)

Please explain plans for financing your graduate studies. Give enough detail to assist the Department's admissions personnel in assessing financial need and resources. How have you financed your previous education?

Please indicate which of the following applies.

1. Can finance myself; no assistance needed. Comments: _____
2. Assistance preferred but could finance myself if necessary. Comments: _____
3. Assistance required, would not attend otherwise. Comments: _____

NOTE: The Financial Assistance Application will be considered after the applicant has officially been admitted by the Admissions Committee and the Graduate School.

Please list the names and addresses of three individuals who can comment on your interests, experience and qualifications. *Recommendation must be mailed to these individuals.*

| Name | Address | Phone Number |
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THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY DOCTORAL APPLICANTS ONLY.

Date you intend to start graduate study: (month/year) _____

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 title(s) or project(s).

Why are you interested in Penn State as your doctoral institution? (please attach a sheet with your responses)



Signature

Date