

Tips to Make Your Application Stronger

1) Essay Guidance:

- Spending time on your essays is the # 1 way to improve your application!
- Start early and give yourself plenty of time. You will probably need to write and revise at least three drafts of each essay.
- Read the essay questions carefully – it is not acceptable to submit the same essay for your personal statement and study research objectives.
- Be sure to answer all parts of the essay questions.

Personal Statement:

- The story of what makes YOU unique!
 - Get PERSONAL in this essay
 - Start with an outline or brainstorming diagram to generate ideas [
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- Remember that you are writing for an American reader.

2) Letters of Recommendation:

3) **Prepare for the iTOEFL** (Institutional Test of English as a Foreign Language): If you are invited to sit for the TOEFL, congratulations! Out of approximately 2,000 applications, we anticipate asking about 400 candidates to see for the iTOEFL.

- Start studying now.
- The iTOEFL is not an intuitive exam and we are looking for candidates with top scores to move to the next round of selection. Help yourself by

4) **Interview Round:** If you are selected for the interview round, congratulations! Out of approximately 2,000 applications, we anticipate interviewing only about 200 individuals.

- The best way to prepare for an interview is to practice interviewing with a friend, co-worker or family member.
- Practice answering questions about what you want to study, why you are interested in your field of study and what you hope to accomplish after your degree is completed.

- Go over your application essays and your C.V. Be prepared to answer questions from these materials.
- Get a good night's sleep and arrive early on the day of your interview.