Tips for a Strong Application

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Programs in Our Department

• Master’s

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Your Application Needs to …

• Convince us:
• You can do well in our program (aptitude, prior success)
• You know what the field is and why it makes sense for you
• Your career/professional goals align with our program
• Do your homework on our program
• You and our program are a good “match”
• For PhD program: demonstrate experience and commitment to research

General Comments

• Applications are reviewed holistically
• Every part matters
• Weakness in one area can be compensated for in other parts
• No official minimum GPA/score
• But if its low, you need to compensate and/or explain
• We’re looking for win-win
• If we aren’t the right program for you, we’ll say so
• OK to apply for different kinds of programs, but customize your application for

each type of program

• Contact the program with questions
• Almost all applicants are in contact with us
• Ask your questions

Elements of an Application – They All Matter!

• Transcripts (upload an unofficial transcript to your application)
• Personal Statement / Statement of Purpose
• MPH only: Reflection Essay
• CV (Resume)
• Letters of Recommendation (3)

• International students need TOEFL, IELTS or Pearson scores unless they completed a Bachelor’s or more advanced degree in an English- based program.
• Standardized Testing – Not required, but if you wish to submit scores, you may, e.g. GRE, MCAT.

Transcripts
•All undergraduate and graduate transcripts
•Unofficial copies are fine
•Sufficient to be reviewed
•Official copy only needed to start program
•International students may need to have their transcripts evaluated for GPA or
degree equivalency

Personal Statement

• Your background. Tell us your story. OK to brag a little, don’t overdo it.

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CV (Resume)

• Include education, work experience, skills, awards and publications
• Highlight anything strongly related to the field
• Highlight any research experience
• Highlight responsibility
• Highlight ability to multi-task

Letters of Recommendation
• Include three letters of recommendation