

WHY WE ARE PERFECT FOR EACH OTHER? ESSAY

supplemental essay





■ Don't

- Write about the school's size, location, reputation, or the weather
- Simply use emotional language
- Screw up the mascot, stadium, team colours, or names of any important people or places on campus
- Think of this as a 'why them' essay



WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE FOLLOWING...



I want to go to a medium sized research university near, but not in, a city that has the major of biology.



As a TCK kid from Taiwan, I feel that I have been exposed to a lot of diversity being at an international school. Thus, I am a more tolerant person and can share this type of thinking at USC. Because USC is in a diverse place like Los Angeles and is a large size school, I will get along with a lot of people. USC's strong ranking can help me get good connections and allow me to succeed.



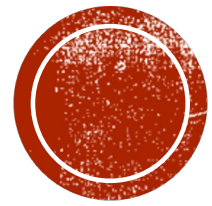
Stanford University is a highly ranked university with almost 7,000 undergraduates from 77 countries. It has a very strong Computer Science program. This is why I want to study at Stanford.



■ Do

- Think of this as a 'Why we are perfect for each other' essay
- Be specific: classes, professors, clubs, and activities that you will actually be excited to be a part of
- Remember, this is another chance to show a few more of your skills, talents, interests, passions





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EXERCISE

FOLD A PIECE OF PAPER IN HALF TO CREATE TWO COLUMNS, LABEL THEM...

What I want

What they have



WHAT'S WORKING WITH THE FOLLOWING...



EXAMPLE 1

I vividly remember stepping onto the roof of Tisch Library and seeing a group of kids sitting in hammocks, overlooking the Boston skyline. I briefly tuned out my tour guide's presentation and began to eavesdrop. The students covered everything from physics to what they had for lunch that day. When they spoke about physics, they did not speak with pretension; instead they spoke with passion. Likewise, when they spoke about something as simply as lunch, they did so with witty intrigue. Tufts students are as interesting as they are interested. This description not only resonates with me, it defines me.



EXAMPLE 2

As an artist, I believe that one's work should reflect the world beyond it. Thus, I'm most attracted to Tuft's SMFA's combination of rigorous artistic study with a challenging liberal arts curriculum at the School of Arts and Sciences. I want to inform my art-making with in-depth exploration of sociology, justice, and international relations, creating works that comment on global issues – a prospect uniquely possible at Tufts SMFA. With numerous opportunities for combining art and community work on campus and in Boston, the SMFA program shows art isn't only meant for the classroom; it's meant for the world.

Isaac Joon-hyuk Choi '21, Saint Joseph, MO



EXAMPLE 3

I'm not a picky person, but in the college search, I sure was. Luckily, I found Tufts, a school that checked every box.

At Tufts, the many facets of my personality will be embraced. I can be an environmental engineer who does research in the Water: Systems, Science and Society program, takes US Foreign Policy in the Middle East, and stage-manages a musical. At Tufts, an institution that celebrates interdisciplinary learning, my diverse interests won't be met with judgmental indifference. Instead, they will be encouraged by peers who are just as enthusiastic about pretty much everything as I am.



EXAMPLE 4

As a girl interested in computer science it's common when visiting university websites to utter "you go, girl" to the lone female faculty member smiling proudly amidst a male-dominated CS department. However, Tufts is a unique community that not only encourages minorities in STEM, but actively recruits female faculty like the spunky and inspirational activist engineer professor entrepreneur Dr. Laney Strange, who I met at Girls Who Code. With my passions ranging from multimedia art to Latin American culture to CS, Tufts excites me since it's where diverse interests are celebrated and where I can have stimulating conversations with anyone I meet on campus.

Esther Tzau '21, Weston, MA



EXAMPLE 5

If my college search were a romantic comedy, Tufts would be “The One”; that the occasionally cynical main character (me) falls for. Why? This quote from a student posted on Evan in Admissions’ Twitter puts it quite nicely; “You have the power to make a difference. You can’t tell a Tufts student no”; Tufts’ very existence as this progressive community of individuals - a place where Jumbos can organize a Zombie 5K and then take classes like “Rise and Decay of the West”; (get it?) – disproves Thomas More’s theory of the impossibility of a true social Utopia. And that’s a pretty awesome feat.

Anonymous ‘19



REMEMBER: RESEARCHING THE INSTITUTION

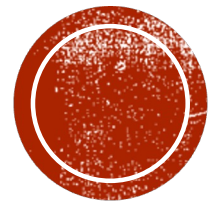
Where to look:

- University admission website
- Admission brochures
- College guides; Fiske Guide, Princeton Review
- Talk to uni reps
- Visit the school during the summer or summer school
- Take a virtual tour
- Explore social media
- Talk to a current student or alumni
- Online syllabus/course catalog

What to look for:

- Programme/course descriptions
- Campus/student life; clubs, orgs and sports
- Featured articles
- Mission statement, affiliations
- Research, study abroad, internships
- Housing, theme housing
- Outcomes after graduating, alumni network





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