HOW TO WRITE A GOOD STATEMENT OF INTENT

All applicants to graduate programs in mechanical engineering at BYU are required to submit a Statement of Intent. This resource is intended to assist applicants in preparing their Statement of Intent.

What is your purpose in pursuing a graduate degree in mechanical engineering at BYU?

This may include:

Why you want a graduate degree in mechanical engineering at BYU?

How a graduate degree in mechanical engineering fits into your career goals.

What is your intended area of study?

This doesn’t commit you to a particular research area.

Do you intend to apply for the joint MS/MBA program?

If you’ve already discussed completing research with a particular professor.

If you are interested in a particular sub-discipline.

If you are still exploring various sub-disciplines. List areas of interest.

For example:

Special preparations, abilities, or motivation (i.e. prior research experience, publications, patents, and related employment).

Special circumstances that explain problems or inconsistencies on your record and aren’t already explained in the application.

Is there other relevant information that you feel may be helpful in making admission decisions?

If the answer is yes, state your intent to apply for the MBA program.

The remainder of the Statement of Intent should focus on the MS portion of the joint program.

How long is your Statement of Intent?

Evaluators prefer shorter, focused statements over those that are too long.