Statement of Purpose Instructions

Your statement of purpose is one of the most important elements of the UCEAP application. During the application process, your statement may be read by numerous entities, including UC and Host institution faculty and staff. Your statement should be sensitive to the host culture and contain well-researched, accurate information relating to the host country or program.

Format

Your statement of purpose is to be written in standard essay format with your name, country of interest, and page numbers on each page. The essay must be **1.5 to 2 pages** in length (minimum of 1.5 pages, maximum of 2 pages), typed and double-spaced. Within one cohesive essay, respond concisely to the following questions.

Content

What are your educational goals for your EAP option?
(Minimum 1 page of essay)

Keeping in mind the academic focus of your EAP option, include **ALL** of the following in your response:

- What attracted you academically to the program or host institution?
- What type of research topics are you interested in focusing on during this program? Is there a specific lab, or department in which you would like to be placed?
- How does the program complement your studies at UC? Will the units you complete abroad count towards your major(s), minor, general education (GE), breadth requirements, or general elective credits outside of your major field of study?
- Are there requirements you must satisfy on EAP in order to stay on track for graduation?
- What is your level of proficiency in the language of the host country in each of the areas of reading, writing, speaking, and listening comprehension? In what areas do you seek improvement? (Not applicable for programs where English is the national language.)
- How are you preparing to achieve your educational goals on EAP?

What are your personal goals/interests for your EAP option?
(Minimum ½ page of essay)

In your essay, address at least **one** of the following topics:

- What interests or life experiences influenced your choice of EAP option/country? Have you ever visited your host country?
- What interests you culturally, socially and/or politically about your host country?
- What skills do you hope to develop on EAP and how might these influence your future career or graduate school objectives?
- In what ways would you be a good cultural ambassador of UCB, California and the United States of America?
- How do you think the housing option for this program will challenge and/or enhance your personal and academic goals? If your program has multiple housing options, discuss the option that interests you.