Statement of Purpose Instructions – Field Research Program

Your statement of purpose is one of the most important elements of the EAP 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.

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 the following in your response:

- Briefly describe your interest in Mexico and any ideas you have for your research project.
- How does the program complement your studies at UC?

What are your personal goals/interests for your EAP option?  
(Minimum 1/2 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?