

Personal Statement – IMSE Graduate Program

Congratulations for applying to the Graduate Program in Industrial and Management Systems Engineering (IMSE) and Montana State University! We look forward to learning more about you in your application to our graduate program. To begin your application, complete this required “Personal Statement” form. Your personal statement is the most important part of your application. It lets us understand your motivation and expectations for graduate school. We want to make sure you are a good fit and will be successful in our graduate program. [Here](#) are some tips for writing a good personal statement.

Applicant Summary

Name: _____ Application Date: _____
Email: _____ Previous Degree: _____
Discipline: _____
Previous Institution: _____
GPA: _____ GRE Scores: _____ verbal _____ quantitative _____ writing
International Students Only TOEFL/IELTS Scores: _____

Personal Statement

1. How did you become interested in Industrial and Management Systems Engineering (IMSE) for your graduate education and future career?

2. How do you plan to use your IMSE graduate degree after graduation?

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3. Why are you applying to Montana State University for your graduate education?

Social Justice

In our graduate program, we believe the goal for engineering is social justice, which requires the equitable participation of all groups of people to ensure systems meet their individual and collective needs. Our systems should do more than provide health and safety – they should also inspire joy and pride: “Continuation of life on the planet, making our world more sustainable, secure, healthy, and joyful.” ([NAE Grand Challenges for Engineering](#)) This vision can only be assured with socially responsible engineering practices that (1) support individual needs (responsive); (2) respect community culture (compatible); and (3) protect the physical and social environments (sustainable).

4. How do you define “social justice?”

5. Why is social justice important to you?

6. How can engineering/engineers contribute to improving social justice?

NEXT, complete and submit your application through the Graduate School [website](#). Make sure to upload this form to your application.