

**Statement of Academic Goals**

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Quick introduction about yourself and why you are pursuing an INDS Ph.D. This can include a very brief summary of your research prospectus / what you intend to study throughout this program. This paper should be between 2-4 pages (500-1,000 words), not counting the title page and references (if applicable).

### **Professional Experience**

This section should summarize your relevant experience, to include highlighting your academic and professional qualifications. Directly address how your experience relates to your ability to succeed as a graduate student. Outline the unique skills/attributes/experiences/perspectives you offer to the program.

### **Motivations for Pursuing an Interdisciplinary Ph.D.**

This section should clearly articulate why you are pursuing an interdisciplinary Ph.D. Additionally, specifically address why this degree cannot be done under an existing disciplinary program (both within and outside of UAF). This section can also include verbiage on your academic interests.

### **Support and Collaboration**

Specifically list the faculty members you intend to work with and why they are an appropriate fit for your committee. If you do not know all four of your committee members, address which schools/departments you intend to work with. Discuss some of the courses you plan on taking and why they would contribute to your research. You can also include a support plan for touching back with Jenn and/or your work supervisor. Describe any additional support you will require to be successful (funding, trips to UAF if studying remote, etc.). Optional, but it

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is appropriate to end this document with a “Thank you for considering my application” or something similar.

### **References**

If you do not have references for this paper, delete this section. References should be in APA 7 format. The reference list will have the full citations for all the sources you used throughout the paper. Typically, you do not list citations for articles you did not directly reference in the paper. A whole class can be instructed on APA 7—if you are new to it, start with an online citation machine and then ask a member of the cadre to review it!