

An academic writing sample is designed to showcase the candidate's ability to conduct research and communicate effectively regarding their academic program. The candidate is encouraged to submit their prior academic research or professional work as a writing sample. Candidates are strongly encouraged to ensure their writing sample demonstrates their expertise and research abilities in their chosen field.

The candidate's writing sample will be evaluated for the following key elements:

1. Relevance to the chosen field of study.
2. A clearly stated research question or thesis statement.
3. Description of the research methods used.
4. A literature review that provides context for the research.
5. Clearly stated findings.
6. Analysis and originality of thought.
7. Proper use of grammar, formatting, and citation.

