

Master of Public Administration

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Dear Applicant:

This template is designed to save you valuable time by providing a single set of questions. Please follow the steps below in filling out the template:

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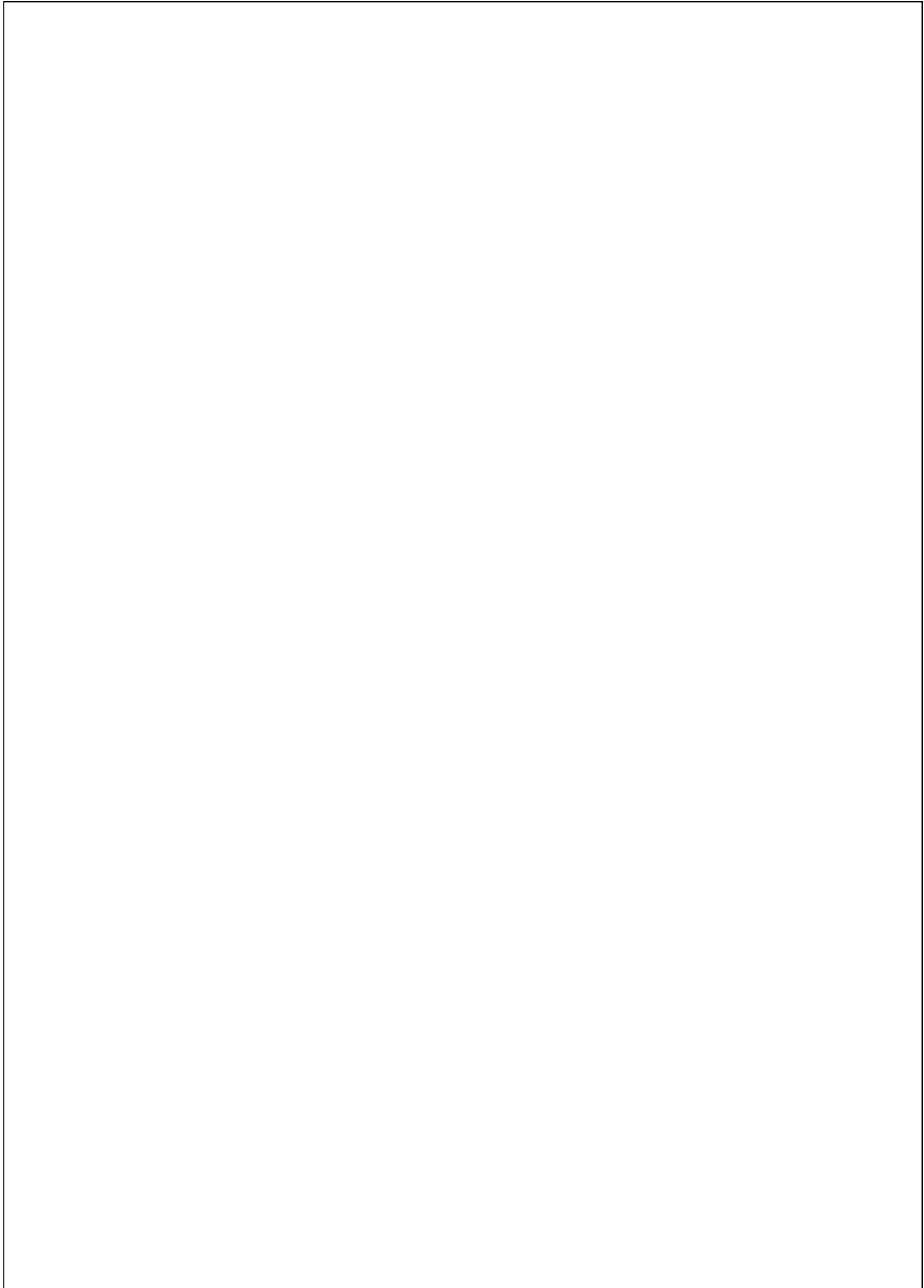
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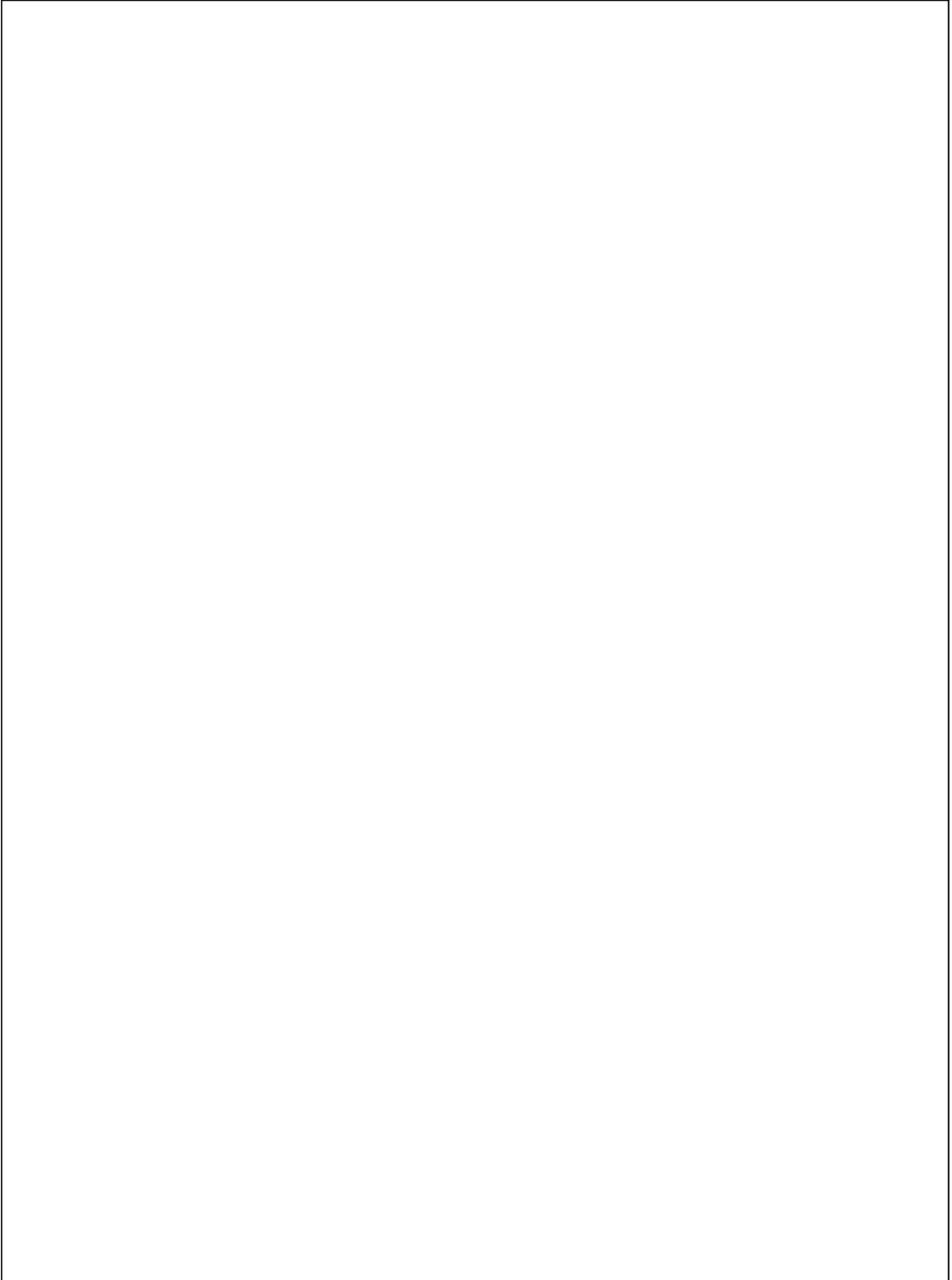
Please discuss how the five (5) domains essential to public service listed below inform your decision to pursue the degree and your career path:

- 1) Leading and managing in public governance
- 2) Participating or impacting the public policy process
- 3) Ability to critically analyze problems and provide viable solutions or direction
- 4) Providing a public service perspective in your professional career
- 5) Ability to work in a diverse and global environment

Helpful tips to consider when completing your statement:

- Response should not exceed 2 pages
- Your statement should address the question asked
- Your response should flow smoothly and show cohesion between each domain
- Share specific examples/experiences to show your understanding of public administration
- Research what sets our program apart
- Proofread your essay, be clear and concise





Is there anything you wish for us to know that is not reflected in the other application materials? Explain any patterns in academic history (consistent trouble with certain types of courses, gaps in enrollment, or grade fluctuations). Explain common “red flags” such as gaps in work or “job hopping” in your job history.