

Homework Assignment #10, Resumes and Statements of Purpose

This assignment will give you practice in creating professional resumes and writing statements of purpose suitable for internship or graduate-school applications.

The assignment consists of three parts:

1. Create a one-page **resume** that highlights your education and professional experience.
2. Find the statement-of-purpose instructions for graduate admission to a department that you are considering. For example, see the [instructions for Princeton](#). Cut and paste the instructions into your preferred word processor.
3. In the same file, start on a new page and write your statement of purpose. Follow the structure and use the same words that are given in the instructions. Start with an engaging lede and emphasize why you are particularly well suited to succeed in that department. Describe experiences that have shaped your interest in physics and that have prepared you for research. Tune your statement to the research emphases, faculty, and special facilities offered by that department. Unless the instructions give you a specific length limit, restrict your statement to no more than 1.5 pages, single-spaced.

Submit the three parts of the assignment, in a single file, by the deadline.

Due: **Friday, November 17, 9:00 p.m.** Email copies to phys496@physics.illinois.edu.
Assignments submitted after the deadline will have points deducted and will be ineligible for rewrite points.

Total—75 points (25 points for your resume and 50 points for your statement of purpose)