SMF Application Essays

Application Essay Questions
The following essay questions give you the opportunity to present yourself more fully to the Fisher SMF Admissions Committee and to provide insight into your experiences and goals, both short and long term.

Essay 1: Shaping your vision
Every year Fisher College’s Specialized Master in Finance program admits a select group of talented professionals with demonstrated potential to become successful business leaders in an increasingly competitive, global environment. Why do you want to earn a SMF degree in general and a Fisher College SMF in particular? How will Fisher specifically assist you in achieving your individual potential? As part of your response, include a brief summary of your professional accomplishments to date. If you have not held a full-time job or are still in college, let us know about your leadership accomplishments in a school, internship, or extracurricular context.

Recommended maximum words: 1000

Essay 2: Discovering You
As a Fisher College Specialized Master of Business Finance student, you get the best of both worlds: the up-close and personal feel of a small program combined with the resources and opportunities offered by a major research university. As an individual participant, you will play a key role in shaping our culture. Consequently, we would like to learn more about who you are and the unique characteristics you will contribute to the Fisher College community. Provide an honest description of yourself outside your academic/professional context, stressing the personal characteristics you believe to be your strengths and weaknesses, along with the factors that have most influenced your development to date.

Recommended maximum words: 750

Essay 3: IF YOUR UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR IS/WAS NOT FINANCE, you must answer this question. (If your undergraduate major is/was finance, skip this question.)
If you are applying without an academic major/background in finance, what have you done to prepare yourself academically for this program? (Note: you need to reference the specific accounting, economics, mathematics, and statistics courses you have completed to date and, if applicable, are currently scheduled to take.) Include official course descriptions of the finance courses you have taken to date and/or in which you are currently enrolled.

Supplemental Information Essay (Optional)
Provide a statement concerning any information you would like to add to your application that you have not addressed elsewhere. Additional information may include (but is not limited to) topics such as explanation of academic performance over time or description of obstacles (financial, health, etc.) you have had to overcome in your life.

Maximum words: 250