

MSWA STATEMENT OF INTENT

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

School of Social Work

FACULTY OF HEALTH

Program Entry Term: **SEPTEMBER 2026**

Submit this form under the STATEMENT OF INTENT section in the online application

The School of Social Work is accredited by the Canadian Association of Social Work Education. Our undergraduate (BSW) and graduate programs (MSWF, MSWA, MSWI) nurture accountable and critically engaged social work education, research and practice in the advancement of decolonization, anti-racism, Indigenous resurgence, feminism, 2SLGBTQ+ liberation struggles, disability justice and other social justice struggles.

The School welcomes and is actively recruiting applicants from communities that experience historical and present-day systemic discrimination and marginalization, and who are committed to social justice, equity, anti-racism and decolonization. In our admissions decisions, we will apply a decolonial equity framework which includes an intersectional lens and will prioritize applicants who are Indigenous, Black, and people of colour.

In the **STATEMENT OF INTENT** address the following points:

1. Self-reflexivity is a core practice in critical social work. Please provide a critical reflection on how your positionality and lived experiences informs your aspirations for social work education at UVic specifically. Stated differently, please speak to how who you are and where you come from informs your worldview and your intentions and motivations for your social work education and practice. Be sure to consider and speak to issues of power, privilege, and oppression. Please note that the aim of this question is not to describe your positionality, but to make critical links between your positionality and lived experiences and your aspirations for your social work education at UVic specifically. Positionality refers to your personal/social/political location, including but not limited to factors such as Indigeneity, race, ability, class, gender, and sexual identities.
2. Please identify some of your personal learning goals for your MSW studies and your anticipated area of future practice.
3. The values and curriculum of our program centre decolonization, anti-racism, intersectionality and equity; students can expect to engage with these frameworks and concepts throughout their MSW studies. Please speak to your lived and/or practice experience in engaging in practices of decolonization, anti-racism, intersectionality and equity.

** Please do not type past the boundaries of the text box – when saved in the application system we cannot scroll up and down*

NAME:

STUDENT/APPLICANT NUMBER:

STATEMENT OF INTENT – maximum of 1000 words



