

MSWA STATEMENT OF INTENT

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
School of Social Work
FACULTY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Program Entry Term: **SEPTEMBER 2022**

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 within critical social work. Please provide a critical reflection on how your positionality informs your academic and professional aspirations. 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 idea of the statement is not simply 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) and future practice. Positionality refers to your personal/social/political location, including but not limited to factors such as Indigeneity, race, ability, class, gender, and sexual identities.

Additionally, within your statement, please incorporate what the concepts of decolonization; anti-racism; intersectionality; and equity mean to you. Please refrain from simply stating definitions of these concepts, but rather discuss how you would engage with these concepts in relation to your social work education and practice.

** 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

