The personal statement, or “essay on educational goals,” is a required and separate document from the graduate application essay. It is not acceptable to copy and paste the same graduation application essay as your departmental personal statement. While it is understood that there may be some overlap, the personal statement should be more in-depth, detailing laboratory field or applied interests, career plans, and research experience, as well as a discussion of how our graduate psychology program at UT Arlington can serve to further your interests and plans. It will be examined for evidence of the appropriateness of the candidate to the program. It should contain information about the intended specialization and preferred faculty mentors. Students are strongly encouraged to contact specific faculty members during the application process.

Please be sure to include a cover page with your personal statement that includes your name, ID number, program, and preferred faculty mentors. Your last name and page numbers should be on the footer.