



**METALS**

Masters of Educational Technology  
& Applied Learning Science

## Virtual Question/Answer Session

November 17 @ 11 AM EST

*Applications Due December 15<sup>th</sup>*

<http://metals.hcii.cmu.edu>



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## Welcome!

- Ken Koedinger, Director



- Michael Bett, Managing Director



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## Statement of Purpose

- Should it be single or double spaced?
- The website that indicates that the statement of purpose should be one to two pages. However, I feel like there's a lot that I need to include given my background and work experience. So can my statement be longer?



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## Statement of Purpose

- The instructions say to describe primary areas of research that we're interested in. I have published in two areas of research: the Maker Movement and Social Entrepreneurship in the high school. How specifically should we describe this research?
- Can you give an example or two?



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## Students

- What kind of students thrives in the program?
- What unforeseen challenges in the program have students uncovered since joining it?
- Will I have time to participate in research while I am in the program?



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## Recommendations

- Do we expect a combination of letters from both faculty and employers?
- Is one more preferred than the other?



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## Test Scores

- My GRE are slightly lower than the average CMU SCS applicants. Can I still demonstrate that I will be successful in the program and that METALS is a good fit for me?



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## Capstone Project

- For the capstone project, how do you choose your clients?
- Do clients pick the students or do students choose the clients
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## Design Philosophy

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## Electives

- According to the website, electives must be individually approved by the METALS Director. Does it mean students have to meet some pre-requisites before taking the elective, and not all electives are available to all students?
- What courses are offered on social entrepreneurship or social innovation? I've been working on ways to connect the social innovation and computer science.



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## Application Guidelines

- Apply Online
  - <https://applygrad.cs.cmu.edu/apply/index.php?domain=1>
- Applications Due December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Applications Must Demonstrate
  - Your interest in EdTech
  - Past relevant experience/training
  - Plans after you graduate
- GREs
  - Expected 165 Quantitative, 160 Verbal
  - But we look at the entire application...
- TOEFL
  - 25 or better in 3 out of 4 sections and
  - 23 or better in forth section



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## Questions?

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