Student-Applicant Support Program Submission

The Student-Applicant Support Program aims to assist diversity (broadly defined) students as they apply to Stanford's CS PhD program. We especially encourage applications from first-generation, low-income students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and those whose backgrounds and life experiences would bring additional dimensions to the Computer Science Department. A graduate student volunteer may provide one round of meaningful feedback on an applicant's resume and statement of purpose. Participation in the Student-Applicant Support Program does not guarantee admission and our capacity for applications is limited.

To participate in the Student-Applicant Support Program, please submit your application materials by **11:59PM PST on October 25, 2026**. If your submission is complete, you will receive feedback on November 25, 2026.

For questions regarding the submission instructions, please email cs-phd-sasp@lists.stanford.edu. To prevent the email from going to spam, please include [SASP] in the subject line.

Directions

We will be using Gradescope to collect materials and provide feedback. If you do not have an existing Gradescope account, please make a free account on Gradescope.com and enroll with the following course enrollment code (Entry Code: **JN7KB7**). If your school does not show up when creating the account, feel free to put down Stanford University. If you have an existing Gradescope account, please just enroll in a new course with the following Entry Code: **JN7KB7**. Once inside our "course" please navigate to the "Student-Applicant Support Program Submission" assignment.

You will be uploading a single pdf to the "Student-Applicant Support Program Submission" assignment. The single pdf should be a merge of the following 4 documents:

1. A pdf document of your answers to the Questionnaire below. For each question, please provide the original question, as well as your answer.
2. A pdf of your CV (resume).
3. A pdf of your statement of purpose.
4. Unofficial transcript

You can use a free online PDF merger (e.g., https://www.adobe.com/acrobat/online/merge-pdf.html) to merge separate PDF documents into one.

Questionnaire

Note: All demographics questions are optional.

1. What is your primary research area: Artificial Intelligence, Biocomputation, Databases, Graphics, Human-Computer Interaction, Robotics, Systems, Theory
2. Please provide a brief description on how your background and life experience will bring additional dimension to the CS Department.
3. What is your current or most recent Institution?
4. What is your current or most recent degree/major?
5. What is your expected or most recent year of graduation?
6. Are you a first-generation college student? (You are a first-generation college student if neither of your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have completed a bachelor's degree.)
7. Is there anything else you would like for us to know about you? If you choose to answer, please limit your response to 1-2 sentences.
8. What kind of feedback are you looking for? If you choose to answer, please limit your response to 1-2 sentences.
9. How did you hear about the program? (e.g., Stanford website, through friends, Tapia conference, Grace Hopper Conference, social. Media, etc)
10. Are you applying to any other similar "applicant support programs" hosted by other universities?