

Name (Last, First):

Birthdate:

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### Directions

- 1) Please answer all four questions below
  - 2) Save/Export your answers as a PDF file with your last name in the title (e.g., huang-personal-statement.pdf)
  - 3) When filling out the Graduate School application online, you need to upload your PDF. This should be done when you get to the **Reasons for Graduate Study/Statement of Purpose** section of the application (the 9<sup>th</sup> step)
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*1. Please tell us a bit about yourself. This might include your background education, your current career and aspirations for the future, and why you would like to pursue this degree. What about our degree interests you over others?*

*2. What is your background in GIS, cartography, and programming, if any? For example: did you take several courses as an undergraduate? Did you learn it on the job? Did you major in Geography or GIS? Have you taken any programming courses?*

*3. Why do you think you would be a good fit for our program? What do you hope to learn from our curriculum and what skills are you excited to graduate with? How do you think this UW-Madison Master's will help your career?*

*4. Please tell us how you think learning online will be different from learning in a classroom environment? Do you have any previous experience learning in an online format? What do you see as the greatest potential challenge in learning online?*