



Diversity statement prompt

Ph.D. in developmental psychology

Supporting the development of a diverse student body is central to the mission of the Institute of Child Development (ICD). ICD strives to build PhD program cohorts that include academically excellent students with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and/or a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Write a narrative statement no longer than two pages on how your background and life experiences (including cultural/ethnic, racial, religious, geographical, financial, educational, and identity-related privileges or challenges) will contribute to ICD's goal of promoting excellence through diversity at the University of Minnesota. For example, if you grew up in a community where opportunities were either plentiful or lacking, you might discuss the impact this had on your development and interests. If applicable, nominees should mention barriers that they have overcome, and/or engagement in equity and inclusion work in their own communities, scholarship, or research activities.