

**Human Development and Family Science PhD Application Details – subject to change until GradApp opens. Official application requirements are in GradApp.**

Thank you for your interest in The Norton School of Human Ecology at The University of Arizona. Your application to the Ph.D. program in the Human Development and Family Science option will be considered once you have submitted all required documentation. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed and will be automatically denied. Paper applications will no longer be accepted. Please submit all materials via this online application.

Through the online application you will have the ability to upload various requirements for consideration by the admission committee. For this application you will be asked to upload the following:

1. Personal Statement of Interests and Goals
2. Resume/ Curriculum Vitae
3. Unofficial transcript from universities or colleges that you have attended.
4. The names and contact information of those who will be submitting Letters of Recommendation on your behalf.

DO NOT send hard copies of application materials unless specifically requested by the school in a separate email.

If you have specific questions please contact Jessica Bee at [jbee@arizona.edu](mailto:jbee@arizona.edu).

Once your application has been submitted, you may check the status of your application at anytime by logging in to this account and opening this application.

Notification on admissions decisions will be sent via email no later than March for Fall semester applicants. Please do not call the school regarding the status of your application. We will notify you via email as soon as a decision has been reached.

Information regarding The Norton School of Human Ecology, Human Development and Family Science can be found at <https://norton.arizona.edu/hdfs/graduate>

The applications will close on January 1st.

**Statement of Purpose**

Please provide a Statement of Purpose indicating the academic and professional goals you hope to achieve in pursuit of this program of study.

Personal Statement - Please upload a two-to-four-page, double-spaced statement describing your scholarly and professional interests and goals. Please be sure to address the following issues in your statement, including any additional information that you feel is important for us to know when considering your application.

- Describe your motivation for pursuing graduate study. Why have you chosen this field of study?
- Within the field of Human Development and Family Science, what are your specific research interests? Discuss specific research topics which are of interest to you. Why do you see this as an important topic to study? Is there a particular faculty member in our division with whom you would like to work?
- What are your long term professional goals (be specific)? How do you see this program as helping you meet those goals?
- Describe your academic, research, and/or other professionally related experiences that have prepared you to succeed in this HDFS Ph.D. program?

Remember, this is your opportunity to describe your qualifications for and interest in the Human Development and Family Science graduate program to the members of the HDFS Graduate Committee.

### **Letters of Recommendation**

Applicants are required to provide 3 Letters of Recommendation.

The Norton School of Human Ecology requires that each applicant have a minimum of three letters of recommendation submitted on their behalf. These letters should be written by faculty or employers who can speak about your academic and research ability. Should you or your recommenders have questions about submitting the letters of recommendation please email the School of Human Ecology at [jbee@arizona.edu](mailto:jbee@arizona.edu).

### **Supplemental Questions**

1. Resume/Curriculum Vitae - Please upload your current resume or Curriculum Vitae which includes education, honors, memberships and participation in professional organizations, employment history, teaching-related experiences, research and scholarly activities and publications.
2. Writing Sample - Please upload a sample of your academic writing
3. Honors - Please provide us with a list of all honors, scholarships, prizes, honorary societies, etc. If you do not have anything to list, please type NA
4. Academic History - Have you ever been on academic probation or found it necessary to withdraw from school temporarily for academic reasons? If so, please explain in full. If not, please type "NA"
5. GPA below 3.0 - If your undergraduate GPA is below the minimum required 3.0, please upload a letter of explanation
6. Native Language -What is your native language?
7. Additional Languages -Please list any additional languages you speak (other than your native language and English) and indicate fluency in each. If you speak no additional languages, please type "NA"
8. International Applicants Only: Please tell us the month and year you took or plan to take an English proficiency exam (MM/YYYY). For more information about the English proficiency test, visit this [link](#).