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RICE UNIVERSITY

Personal Statement Workshop: Agenda

Reminder:

- Before leaving for the summer, make sure you meet with a CCL advisor to talk about Fall fellowships AND indicate through Apply Now your interest in the specific fellowships you want to apply for by June 1st.

Introduction to Personal Statements

- What is a personal statement?
- Validating one's story
- Context matters
- Be creative!

Student Panel

(Introduction of first draft to last draft of personal statement)

- Experiences: first draft to last draft
- Writing process
- Editing process
- Struggles
- Motivations
- Dealing with writer's block
- Overcoming sharing personal stories/experiences

Value Statement Workshop

- Rationale for starting with value-based goal setting for personal statement writing
- Worksheet packet: value statement and fast forward 10 years