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Department of Materials Science and Engineering
(Application for a Graduate Assistantship or Fellowship)

Name (Last) (First) (Middle) PSU ID Number

Present Address:

Permanent Address:

E-mail Address:

Citizenship:

Date of Birth:

DEGREE/PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Degree Sought: (Please circle ONE) **MS** or **PhD**

SEMESTER YOU WISH TO ENROLL: FALL __ SPRING __ SUMMER __

Note: (Deadlines are: Fall - March 15; Spring - October 15)

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Please enclose a short (not more than one page), typed discussion of your objectives for graduate study and how these relate to your career goals. What personal and professional competencies do you possess that will help you achieve your goals? This statement is required for some fellowships that you may be eligible for.

FINANCIAL NEEDS:

The great majority of our graduate students are appointed as half-time graduate assistants. In theory, a half-time assistant is required to work 20 hours per week. In almost all cases, this work is research pertinent to the thesis topic. Because of this, students usually spend more than 20 hours per week in the laboratory in an effort to graduate in a timely fashion. A half-time graduate assistant is required to register for a course load of 11 credits per semester, with 4-5 of these usually being research credits.

The usual starting appointment is at the Grade 12 level which for the 2004-2005 academic year is \$18,804 per annum with all tuition fees remitted.

FACULTY PREFERENCE:

Because it is important to match the interests of students and faculty, we ask that you indicate your preferences for which faculty members that you would like to work with. The enclosed brochure describes current research interests of the faculty. You can also find a brief, more up to date description of faculty research interests by linking from: <http://www.matse.psu.edu/people/faculty.html>. Many faculty's research groups maintain their own website, which can be accessed from the faculty's department webpage. Please list below your initial preferences regarding faculty members you would like to work with. If you need to list more than 3, please do so in the margin below.

Faculty Members Name	Research Topic Interest
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Signature: _____ Date: _____