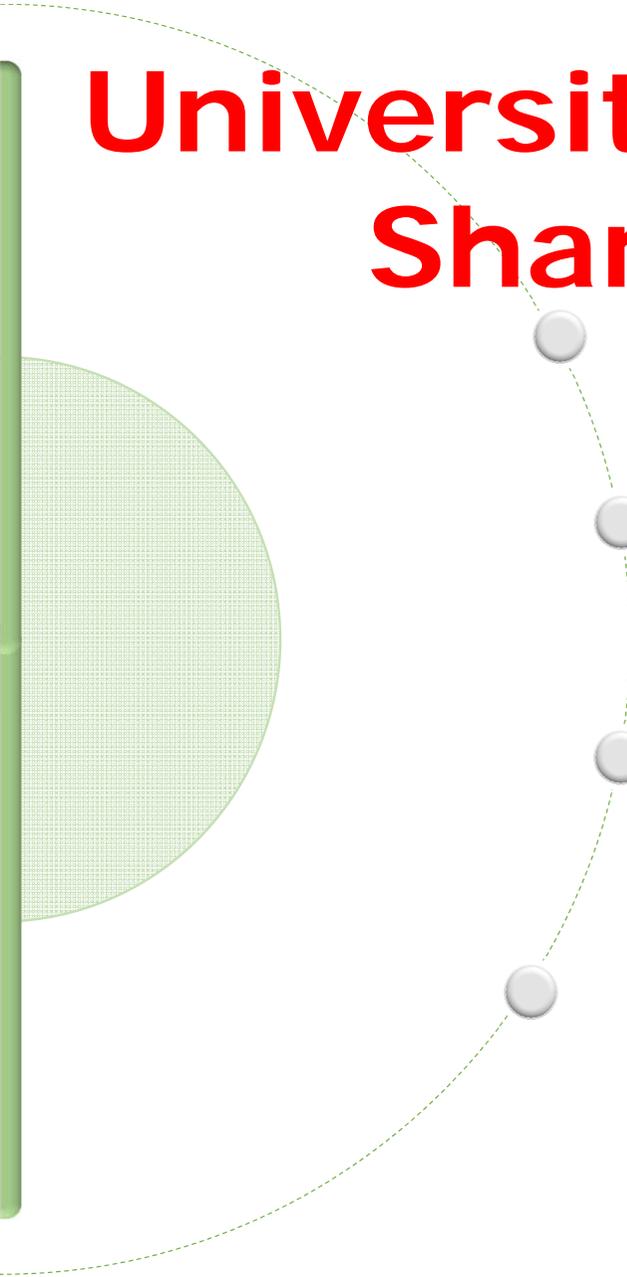


# University Application Experience Sharing by 2015 Fellows



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## Ngoc Phan

- Be well-prepared
- Be active & wise
- Be patient
- Be decisive



## Dang Nguyen

- Have a specific plan as soon as possible
- Take care of your contacts
- Early submission is an advantage

# Toan Nguyen

## 1. How to write Statement of Purpose

Reference: Google "mitadmission not in my own words"  
(<http://imgtfy.com/?q=mitadmission+not+in+my+own+words>)

## 2. Interview matters more

(For me: It's hard to write an impressive Statement of Purpose and it's easier to make impression talking face-to-face.)

## 3. No research experience? (*Mostly for CS applicants*)

- + Personal research/projects can be useful
- + Keep working even after submitting applications
- + Open source your work on github

**Thank you and good luck!**