



THE SCHOOL
FOR FIELD STUDIES

Bhutan Statement of Purpose Instructions

Question 1: “Your Background in your Home Country” (300+ words)

- Where were you born and where do you live in the US?
- Share some of your family background.
- Share where you currently go to school, if applicable (year are you in, academic interests, etc.)
- Any volunteer or community service experience you have.
- Any field research projects or activities you’ve participated in.

Question 2: “The course of study and why you intend to study this particular course” (200+ words)

- Elaborate on why you intend to participate in the SFS Bhutan program.
- Explain how the courses on this program add to your academic pursuits and your future career goals.

Question 3: “The reasons you have chosen to study in Bhutan” (300+ words)

- Explain why you’ve decided to study abroad in Bhutan.

Question 4: “The reasons you have chosen the particular university/college/institute in Bhutan” (300+ words)

- This question refers to the Himalayan Environment and Society in Transition program delivered by SFS, and our partner organizations in Bhutan: The Royal University of Bhutan (RUB) and the College of Natural Resources (CNR).
- Discuss why you chose this program instead of enrolling in a program offered by another study abroad provider. There are a few other study abroad providers, such as Where There be Dragons, that operate in Bhutan and other direct exchange opportunities to study at the Royal Thimphu College or the Royal University of Bhutan. You may choose to compare these opportunities against SFS for this question.
- Explain the benefits of studying abroad with SFS, in your own words. You could consider mentioning the academic and research partnership between SFS and the two Bhutanese organizations which seek the integration of science and policy for achieving environmental sustainability. You could also mention, in your own words, the collaborative research agenda between SFS, RUB and CNR and the fact that the research the students do is part of the program.

Question 5: “How would this benefit to you in terms of career opportunities/pathway” (200+ words)

- Although you may have mentioned these topics when responding to Question 2, you can further elaborate on how the SFS courses you’ll be enrolled in will impact your future career path.

Question 6: “Any other information supporting your student visa application for study in Bhutan” (No word count)

- Feel free to further emphasize why the SFS Bhutan program is the best study option for you!