

**Guidelines for PhD Statement of Research Interest**

1. What are your professional research interests? How have these interests evolved from your prior educational and/or professional experiences? Within your area(s) of interest, what do you consider to be the major psychosocial, service delivery, social policy, and/or research issues for the social work profession to address?
2. Why have you chosen to apply to the PhD Program at the Silver School of Social Work? Discuss your career goals, what you hope to gain through doctoral study, and the scholarly and professional activities in which you are likely to engage after earning the PhD degree. ? In what ways do you believe enrolling in the PhD Program will help you to build on your strengths and/or grow in new areas?