

Copy Field of Study

Form Title

Select Field of Study*

Select Degree*

Field of Study

Philosophy

Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy

Copy Field of Study Details

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Other areas of interest outside the department or program (Optional)	Linguistics
Choice 1	
Choice 2	Latin
Choice 3	Hellenic Studies

Copy Personal Background

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Name

First (Given)* Simone

Last (Family)* Testino

Preferred First Name (We will use your preferred name in communications regarding your application, except where the use of the legal name is required.) Simone

Will you be submitting application documents (e.g. transcripts, test scores) under a different name?* No

Biographical Information

Birthdate* 07/01/2003

Legal Sex* M

Gender Identity - How do you identify? Please check all that apply. This question is optional Genderqueer/non-conforming

Marital Status* Not Married

Citizenship Information

What is your citizenship status?* International

Do you hold citizenship in another country?* No

Telephone Number

Phone +39 339 637 9372

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Family Information

Parent or Guardian 1* Unknown

Parent or Guardian 2* Unknown

Behavioral and Criminal Background

Have you ever been found responsible at a college or university or in a professional setting for a disciplinary violation, whether related to behavioral or professional misconduct (examples: theft, abuse, or neglect; violence or threat of violence; discrim

No

Have you ever been found guilty of, or pled guilty or no contest to, any crime or offense (excluding minor traffic violations) in any jurisdiction? Crimes or offenses in other jurisdictions that are not illegal in the United States must be reported in orde

No

Primary and Foreign Languages

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Primary Language

Please indicate your primary language. "Primary language" is defined as the language that someone communicates in most frequently and in most situations when speaking, reading, and writing. If your primary language is not listed, please select the "Other"

English

Foreign Languages and Ability Levels

Name of Language 1	German
Speaking Ability*	High
Reading Ability*	High
Writing Ability*	High
Add another language?	Yes
Name of Language 2	Spanish
Speaking Ability*	Moderate
Reading Ability*	High
Writing Ability*	Moderate
Add another language?	Yes
Name of Language 3	Latin
Speaking Ability*	Low
Reading Ability*	High
Writing Ability*	Moderate
Add another language?	Yes
Name of Language 4	Classic Greek
Speaking Ability*	Low
Reading Ability*	High
Writing Ability*	Low
Add another language?	Yes
Name of Language 5	Italian
Speaking Ability*	High
Reading Ability*	High
Writing Ability*	High

Copy Horizon Fellows Program

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Horizon Fellows Program

Are you interested in being considered for the Horizon Fellows Program?*

Yes

(Maximum 500 words)

***Briefly explain why you are interested in being considered for the Horizon Fellows Program.**

Your response can address any of the following questions: How would you benefit from the program? What would you want to accomplish during

The Horizon Fellows Program represents an exceptional opportunity to refine my research, teaching, and interdisciplinary expertise, preparing me not only for a PhD but also for a diverse career that bridges academia and other intellectually demanding fields. My academic background, research focus, and professional experiences align closely with the program's objectives, and I am confident that participating would be transformative for my development.

Research Focus and Goals:

I am currently pursuing two main research projects: the Categorical Foundations of Structuralism, which applies Category Theory to philosophical questions, and my forthcoming Master's thesis on Translation Theory, addressing theories of truth. These projects highlight my ability to integrate advanced methods from mathematical logic, set theory, and model theory into philosophical inquiries.

Professional Experience and Skills:

At Futura, a leading EduTech company, I progressed from one-to-one tutoring in mathematics and physics to teaching large classes of 250–500 students in a Mathematics and Logic course. This role, supported by in-house AI tools, introduced me to innovative instructional methods and gave me practical expertise in applying AI to education.

This experience honed my ability to convey complex concepts to diverse audiences, develop tailored teaching materials, and leverage technology for effective learning. Beyond these practical skills, I gained insights into AI's foundational structures, deepened by my academic background in mathematical philosophy and logic. These combined experiences make me uniquely positioned to integrate research, teaching, and technology in ways that align with the program's objectives.

Interdisciplinary Aspirations and Career Goals:

The Horizon Fellows Program aligns perfectly with my interdisciplinary ambitions. I aim to build on my expertise in philosophy and mathematics while exploring adjacent fields, such as physics and computer science. For example, acquiring foundational knowledge in physics would complement my interest in the philosophy of physics, while studying complexity theory in computer science would enrich my work on computability and its implications for AI.

The program's emphasis on academic training and mentorship would also support my career goals. While I am committed to pursuing a PhD, I remain open to opportunities in teaching, research, and industry. My dual expertise in AI's theoretical underpinnings and practical applications makes me well-suited for roles that demand a combination of intellectual rigor and technical skill.

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In summary, the Horizon Fellows Program offers a unique platform to deepen my expertise, refine my teaching and research abilities, and explore interdisciplinary connections. It is an essential step toward achieving my academic and professional aspirations while equipping me to contribute meaningfully to a range of fields.

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Graduate #1

Institution	University of Amsterdam (920001912)
Dates of Attendance	09/2024 - 08/2025
Location	Amsterdam, Netherlands
Degree	Master of Science: 08/2025
Major	Mathematics
Major 2	Philosophy
Minor	No Minor
GPA	4 / 4
Degree Status	In Progress

Undergraduate #1

Institution	Ludwig Maximilian University (920001021)
Dates of Attendance	10/2023 - 08/2024
Location	Munich, Germany
Degree	Bachelor of Science: 08/2025
Major	Mathematics
Minor	Philosophy
Degree Status	In Progress

Undergraduate #2

Institution	Ludwig Maximilian University (920001021)
Dates of Attendance	10/2023 - 08/2024
Location	Munich, Germany
Degree	Bachelor of Arts: 08/2024
Major	Philosophy
Minor	Mathematics
Degree Status	Complete

Undergraduate #3

Institution	Universitat Konstanz (960049504)
Dates of Attendance	10/2022 - 08/2023
Location	Konstanz, Germany
Degree	No Degree Awarded or Expected
Major	Philosophy
Major 2	Mathematics
Degree Status	Complete

Additional Academic Information

***Have you previously applied to Princeton University?** No

Academic Standing Information

***Do you have any gaps in your education history or on your** No

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transcripts?

***Have you ever been found responsible or penalized at a college or university for an academic integrity violation (examples: plagiarism, data falsification, cheating on an exam, etc.)?** No

Copy Recommendations

Reference #1

Type	Academic
Name	Dr. Enrico Cinti
Organization	University of Amsterdam
Title	Postdoc Researcher
Relationship	Supervisor of Research Project
Phone	+39 345 243 5702
Email	e.cinti@uva.nl
Name Displayed to Recommender	Simone Testino
Waiver	Do you waive your right to view the recommendation?
Waiver Response	I waive my right to access this report.
Waiver Signature	Simone Testino
Recommendation Requested	11/30/2024
Recommendation Submitted	12/11/2024

Reference #2

Type	Academic
Name	Dr. Franz Merkl
Organization	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitaet Muenchen (LMU)
Title	Professor
Relationship	Supervisor of Bachelor Thesis
Phone	+49 89 21804482
Email	merkl@math.lmu.de
Name Displayed to Recommender	Simone Testino
Waiver	Do you waive your right to view the recommendation?
Waiver Response	I waive my right to access this report.
Waiver Signature	Simone Testino
Recommendation Requested	12/07/2024
Recommendation Submitted	12/09/2024

Reference #3

Type	Academic
Name	Ms. Peter Michael Schuster
Organization	University of Verona
Title	Professor
Relationship	Co-supervisor of Thesis
Phone	+39 045 802 7029
Email	peter.schuster@univr.it
Name Displayed to Recommender	Simone Testino

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Copy Publications/Original Work

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Publications/Original Work

Copy Employment

Testino, Simone; DOB: 07/01/2003; ID: 564222903

Job #1

Organization Name	Futura
Dates of Employment	09/2024 - Present
Ending Position	Teacher of Mathematics and Logic
Location	Milano, Lombardy, Italy

Copy External Awards

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Are you applying for an external fellowship?*	No
Have you been awarded an external fellowship which will be used for graduate study?*	No

Copy Other Institutions

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College/University Name #1	Stanford University
Other School Applying CEEB code #1	920001767
College/University Name #2	Carnegie-Mellon University
Other School Applying CEEB code # 2	920000284
College/University Name #3	University of Notre Dame
Other School Applying CEEB code # 3	920002121
College/University Name #4	University of Oxford
Other School Applying CEEB code #4	920002715
College/University Name #5	Harvard University
Other School Applying CEEB code #5	920000764

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Academic Statement of Purpose

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Academic Statement of Purpose (Required)

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Personal Statement (Required)

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Copy Documents to be Uploaded

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Resume/Curriculum Vitae (Required)	
Resume/Curriculum Vitae (Required)	Uploaded 12/08/2024
Writing Sample (Required)	
Writing Sample (Required)	Uploaded 12/08/2024
Writing Sample (Optional)	
Writing Sample (Optional)	Uploaded 12/08/2024
Unofficial Report of Fall Semester Grades (If Applicable and Available)	
Unofficial Report of Fall Semester Grades	Uploaded 12/13/2024
Additional Information (Optional)	
Short Description File 1	I add some words my English Uploaded 12/13/2024
Short Description File 2	As mentioned in the website, I present here my competences and interests in chosen track Uploaded 12/13/2024
Short Description File 3	In this document I add a couple of words about my employment history Uploaded 12/13/2024

Copy Fee Waiver Request

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Are you applying for an application fee waiver?* Yes

Fee Waiver Request

Type of fee waiver - select one* Financial Hardship

Financial Hardship

Select one: Other personal financial situation

Briefly describe the special circumstances which make payment of the application fee a financial hardship for you.*(Min character limit = 50 Max character limit = 500)

I live alone in Amsterdam, one of Europe's most expensive cities, where high rent and living costs, combined with the high tuition fees of my Master's programme, create significant financial pressure. I work alongside my studies to cover these expenses, with most of my income going toward essentials like rent, tuition, and living costs.

Copy Signature

Certification

Signature	Simone Testino
Date	12/08/2024