

## **PHD PERSONAL STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS - FOR FALL 2023**

**Personal Statement:** In the Statement, please cover the following **elements**:

- a) state the research questions or a specific area that interests you and why it needs to be researched;
- b) describe how your personal background and life experiences contribute to your research interests and to your decision to pursue a doctoral degree at the University of Toronto;
- c) discuss your interest in and preparation for PhD studies in social work;
- d) outline your career plans and discuss how doctoral education is relevant to your professional goals, and your area of research interest within the social work profession; and
- e) discuss why you think the program at the University of Toronto is a good fit for you given your interests and plans.

*Statement should be no more than 5 pages, typed, doubled-spaced; 12-point Times New Roman font preferred.*