

## **Tips for Writing Strong Application Essays**

- To start, free write/brainstorm/outline
- Consider your audience
- Do your research – on Beckman, on the potential PIs, review the Honors College website (see Arnold Beckman’s “7 Rules for Success”
- Give specific examples – don’t be vague or use non-descriptive language
- Revise, get feedback and revise again. These essays should not be written or submitted after one draft.
- Avoid making this an academic paper – this is a personal statement