

## **Supplemental Essay**

If curiosity had a physical form, it would be a door never meant to be completely shut. Whether you pass the same corridor several times, there is always one more passage, one more dilemma, one more surprise. All introductions beg to be explored, even when it is unclear where you are going or where it goes.

I have also learned to keep following curiosity even where it takes me out of the intended direction. Questions with no answers have become some of my best ideas. These experiences have helped me to recognize that inquiry is not only about arriving at solutions, but also about discovery itself. It is due to being thankful to live in the state of uncertainty that I have learned to take on challenges with optimism and resilience, as challenges are opportunities to learn instead of failures.

I like inconveniences and challenges that provoke unconventional thinking since they demonstrate how individuals see the world. I think creativity does not require being weird because people consider it to be different, but rather to make authentic connections between thoughts and attitudes. It prospers in areas where trial is encouraged and where wonder can roam without the fear of being lost.

I come with a spirit of inquiry in classes, discussion groups, or even chats of a curious, playful, and inquisitive nature. I do not ask questions to impress; I ask to understand. I have discovered that once curiosity is developed, learning is no longer a burden, but an adventure, a journey of discovery, of realization, of self-development.