

**Masters of Science Degree  
in Recreation Management and Policy****Graduate Assistantship Application**

Applications are currently being accepted for a two-year Masters of Science degree in Recreation Management and Policy (RMP MS) at the [University of New Hampshire](http://www.unh.edu) (UNH). The primary purpose of the RMP MS program is to prepare recreation professionals to advance in their careers and provide leadership in agencies and communities. The RMP MS program offers three unique RMP MS options to students: 1) [Recreation Administration](#), 2) [Therapeutic Recreation Administration](#), and 3) [Adaptive Sport](#). The RMP MS Program prepares students for specialized or advanced responsibilities in public, non-profit, private, commercial, and health care agencies and organizations providing outdoor recreation, therapeutic recreation, tourism, and leisure services. Most graduates of the program will likely enter professional practice; however, some will advance to doctoral programs.

A limited number of highly competitive full-time and half-time Graduate Assistantship positions are available for qualified students. Full-time Graduate Assistantship positions include a tuition/fee waiver, an annual graduate stipend valued at approximately \$20,000, additional other benefits, and require 20 hours of work per week throughout the academic year as either a research or teaching assistant. Half-time Graduate Assistantship positions include a half tuition/fee waiver, an annual graduate stipend valued at approximately \$10,000, additional other benefits, and require 10 hours of work per week throughout the academic year as either a research or teaching assistant. The Graduate Assistant position start date is August 2023.

The RMP MS Graduate Assistantship application process has 4 steps:

1. Applicants must attend one of the upcoming RMP MS virtual information sessions via Zoom:
  - a. Dates and times: 1/25/23 @2pm
  - b. Zoom: <https://unh.zoom.us/my/michaelferguson>
2. Applicants must directly contact via email the RMP MS faculty member with whom they wish to work and set up a Zoom or phone interview (see below for RMP MS faculty bios and information).
3. Applicants must apply for admission online to the RMP MS program through the [UNH Graduate School online portal](#) no later than February 1, 2023.
4. Applicants must complete the RMP MS Graduate Assistantship Application and email it directly to the RMP MS Graduate Program Coordinator- Dr. Michael Ferguson ([Michael.Ferguson@unh.edu](mailto:Michael.Ferguson@unh.edu)) no later than February 1, 2023.

Preference will be given to candidates with experience in therapeutic recreation, adaptive sport, outdoor recreation management, natural resource management, outdoor education, and/or social science research and project management. Applications will be reviewed on an on-going basis. All 4 steps of the application process must be completed, and requisite materials submitted, by no later than February 1, 2023. Specific questions should be directed to the RMP MS Graduate Program Coordinator, Dr. Michael Ferguson ([Michael.Ferguson@unh.edu](mailto:Michael.Ferguson@unh.edu)).

**University of New Hampshire  
Department of Recreation Management and Policy**

**Graduate Assistantship Application**

Applicant name:

Applicant mailing address:

Applicant telephone number:

Applicant home country:

Applicant e-mail address:

Applicant undergraduate institution:

Applicant degree/major from undergraduate institution:

Applicant undergraduate cumulative grade point average:

RMP MS Option to which you are applying to:

Recreation Administration

The RMP MS program offers three unique RMP MS options to students:

Therapeutic Recreation Administration

Adaptive Sport

- 1) Recreation Administration,
- 2) Therapeutic Recreation Administration
- 3) Adaptive Sport

RMP Graduate Assistantship which you are applying for:

Full-time assistantship

Half-time assistantship

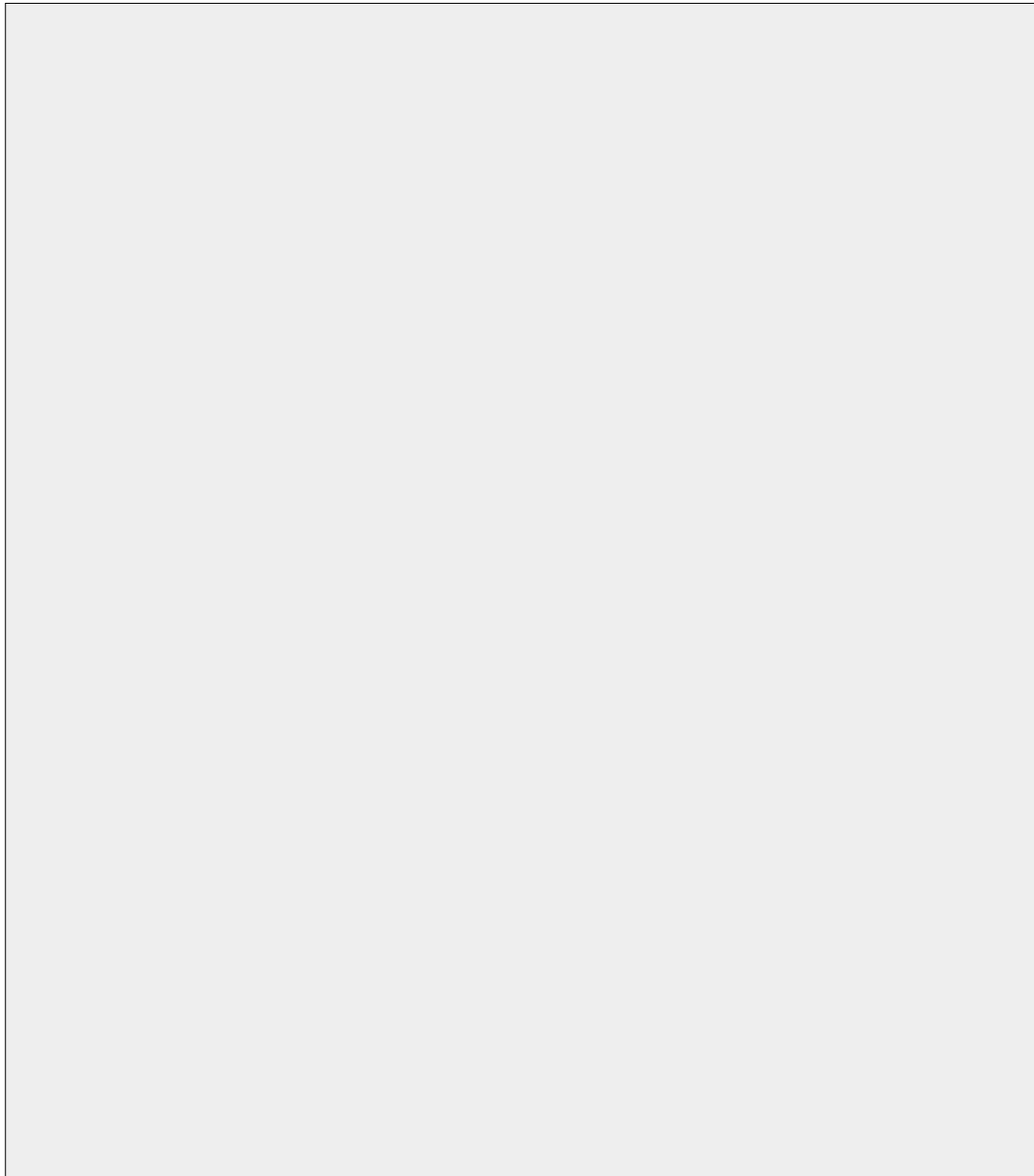
Either full-time or half-time assistantship

Term to which you are applying for an RMP Graduate Assistantship:

**Graduate Assistantship Narrative Statement:**

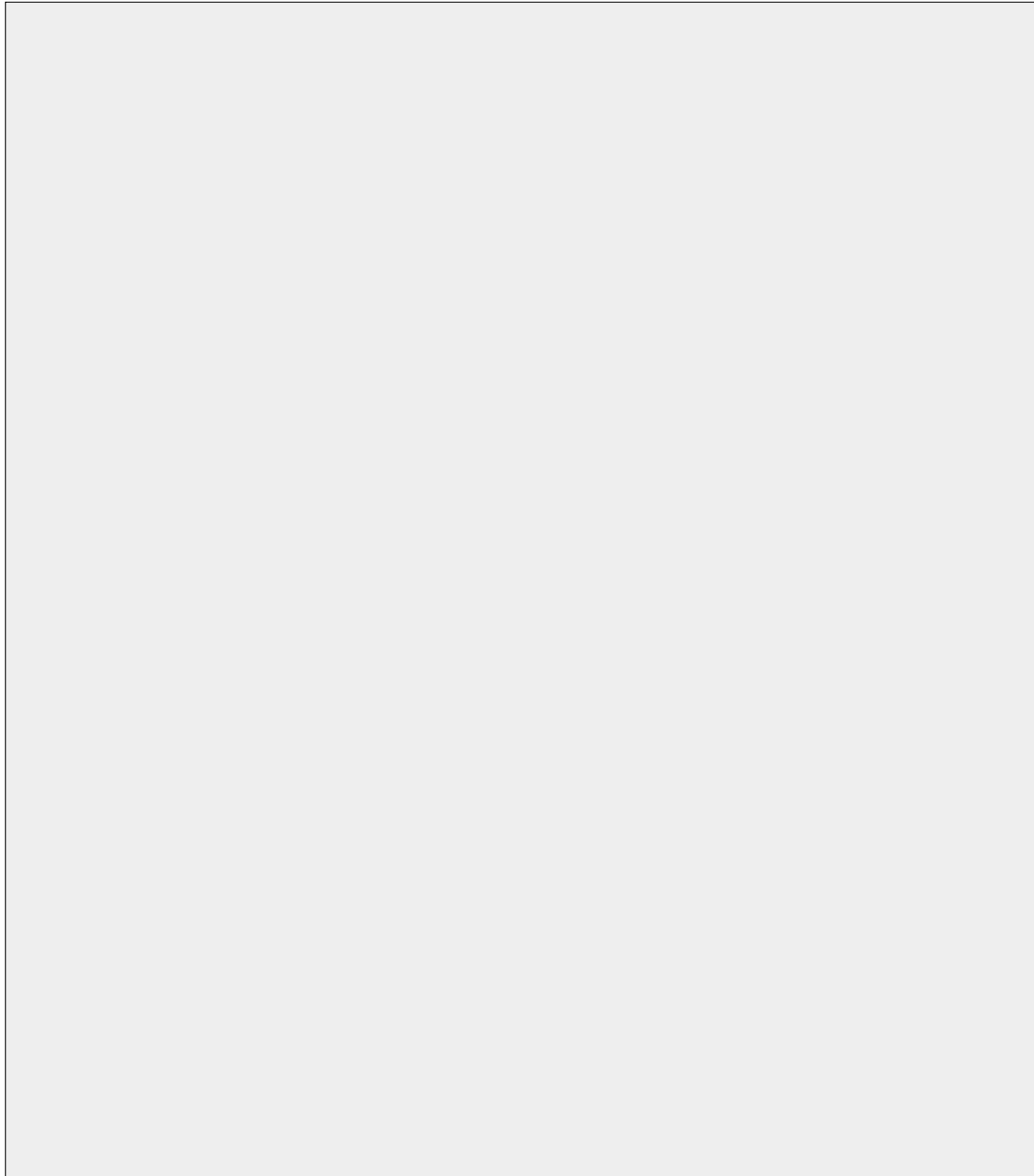
\*Please provide typed responses to the following questions. Each response should be limited to a maximum of 300 words.

- 1. Why are you seeking to earn an MS Degree in Recreation Management and Policy from the University of New Hampshire? How do your previous academic background and work experience contribute to the Department of Recreation Management and Policy as a graduate student?**

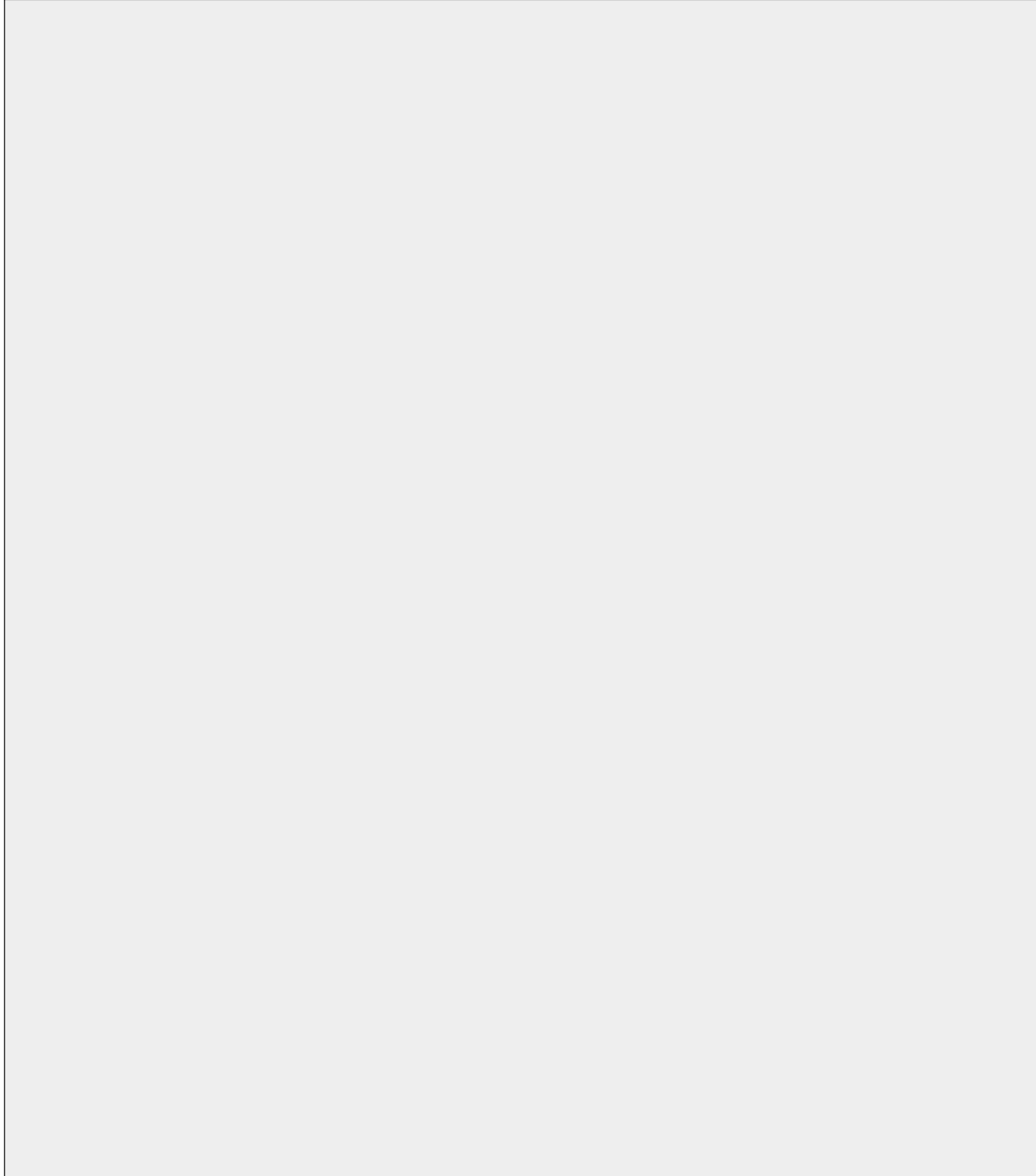


2. **Which specific RMP MS Option are you interested in pursuing and why? The RMP MS program offers three unique RMP MS options to students:**

- 1) [Recreation Administration](#)
- 2) [Therapeutic Recreation Administration](#)
- 3) [Adaptive Sport.](#)

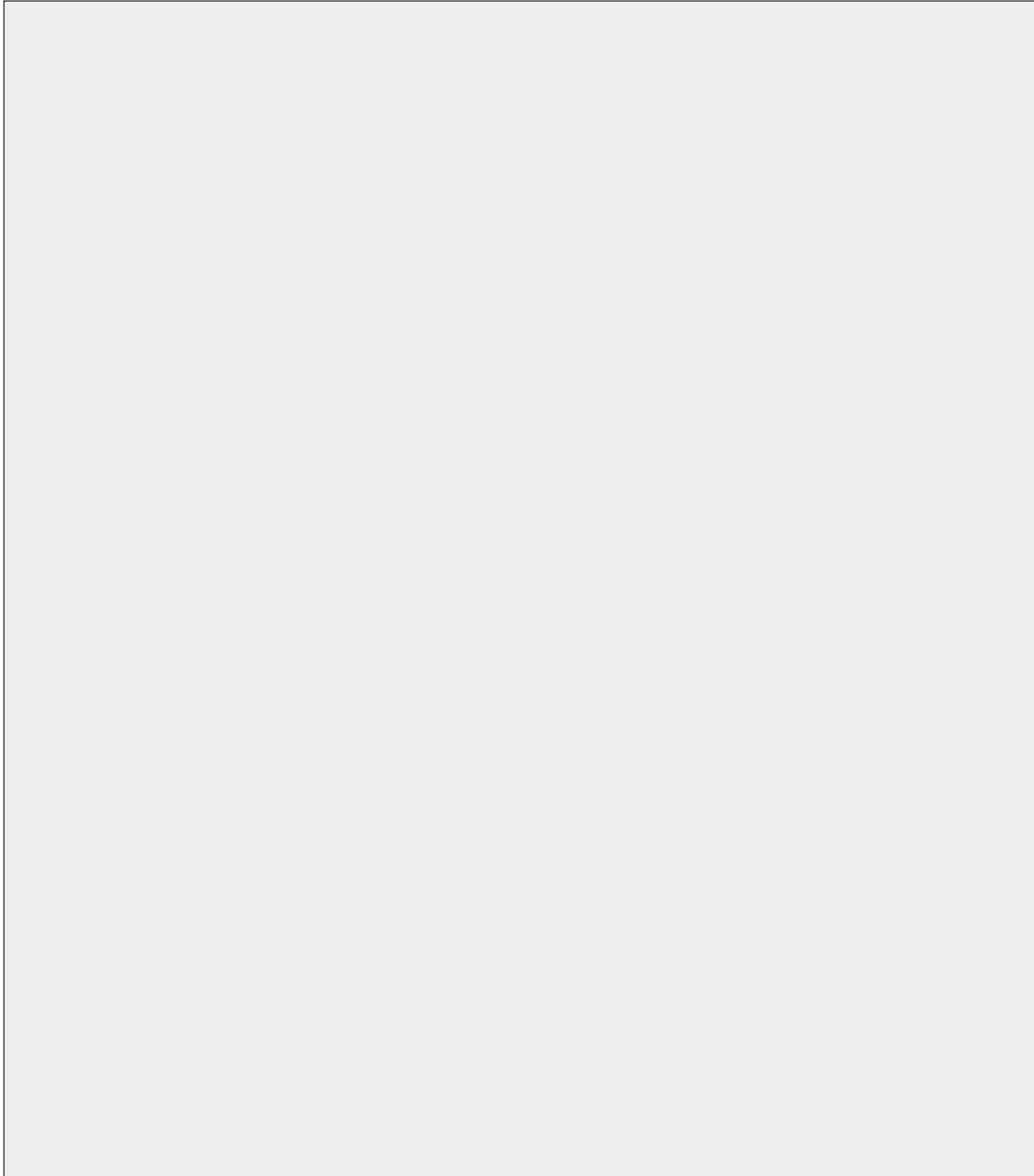


- 3. Which specific RMP MS faculty member are you interested in working with and why?**
- a. \*Note: Accelerated Masters applicants do not need to answer this question.

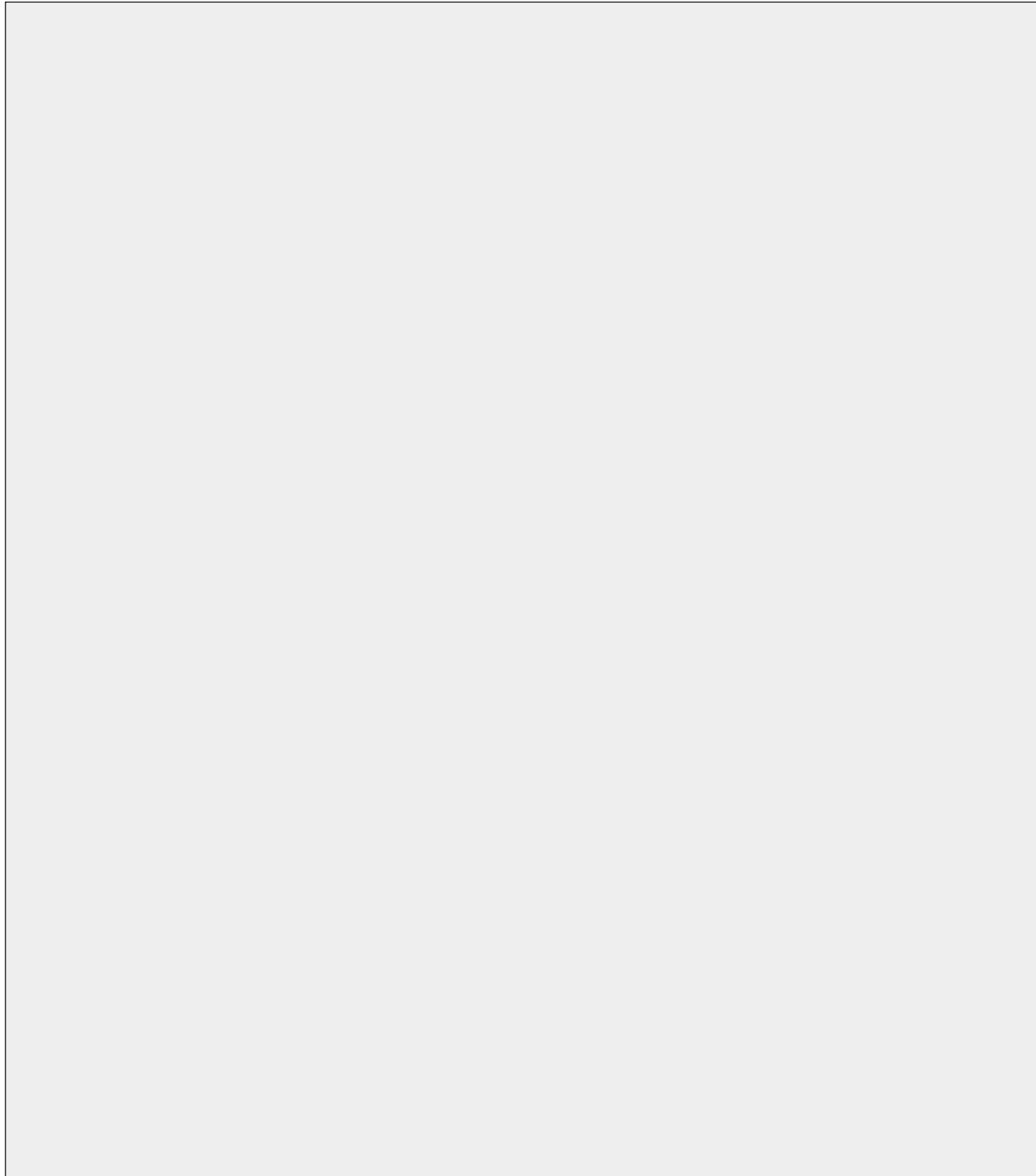


**4. Are you interested in pursuing the RMP MS *thesis* or *portfolio* option and why?**

- a. \*Note: Accelerated Masters applicants do not need to answer this question.
- b. RMP MS thesis students conduct rigorous independent research to examine a specific problem/question. The end product is either a traditional monograph-style thesis or a peer-reviewed journal article. This option prepares graduates for either professional practice and/or advanced doctoral programs. For more information, please see the [RMP Graduate Handbook \(pages 15-17\)](#).
- c. RMP MS portfolio students conduct rigorous capstone projects in each of their courses to acquire a portfolio of knowledge, skills, and abilities. The end product is a comprehensive portfolio of acquired competencies. This option prepares graduates for professional practice. For more information, please see the [RMP Graduate Handbook \(pages 18-20\)](#).



**5. What are your future career goals – what do you plan to do after completing the RMP graduate program and how with this degree help you obtain said goal??**



**\*Once completed, please email this document as a PDF to  
Dr. Michael Ferguson (Michael.Ferguson.unh.edu) no later than February 1, 2023\***