**Instructions for Personal Statement**

In 3 pages or less, please address the following points:

1. Please describe the development of your interest in cancer research, in general, and molecular or genetic epidemiology, in particular, and why you are interested in the Vanderbilt MAGEC training program.

2. Please describe your research interest, career goals and what you can offer this program.

3. Please identify **two** mentors from among those listed on our website. Your primary mentor should work in one of these fields: epidemiology, molecular epidemiology, or genetic epidemiology. Your secondary mentor may be chosen from the field in which you completed your formal graduate education (e.g., epidemiology, genetics, medicine, or a related field) or from another “complementary field”.

For your primary mentor, describe why you want to work with him or her. Discuss what you would like your research to focus on specifically as it relates to their projects, research focus, and resources.