

Personal Statement Writing UK Universities

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Why are you applying?

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Do your studies relate?

Prove your enthusiasm for your current study and take the opportunity to demonstrate your skills and knowledge now and how you want to build on that.

Why are you interested?

This is your chance to show your passion and really demonstrate who you are. If you have hobbies or volunteering experiences related to the subject, include them here.

Why will you be great?

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How to open your personal statement

Admissions Tutors will be reading a lot of personal statements so it's important to grab their attention right from the start.

Remember, it can only be 4,000 characters, which is about two sides of A4. So, you'll need to use your words wisely to fit everything in.

You can find a full guide on [How to start a personal statement: the attention grabber](#), but **here are the main things to think about**.

- Don't overthink the opening. Just start by showing your enthusiasm for the subject, showcasing your knowledge and understanding, and sharing your ambitions of what you want to achieve.
- Avoid cliches! Remember, this opening part is simply about introducing yourself, so let the admissions tutor reading your personal statement get to know you.
- Keep it relevant and simple. You're limited on how much you can include so avoid long-winded explanations. Why use 20 words when 10 can make your point?

Your personal skills and achievements

Next, you'll need to write about your personal skills and achievements. Universities like to know the abilities you have that'll help you on the course, or generally with life at university.

Don't forget to include evidence to back up why you're so excited about the course(s) you've chosen.

- Be bold and talk about the achievements you're proud of.
- Include positions of responsibility you hold, or have held, both in and out of school.
- What are the things that make you interesting, special, or unique?

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How to end your personal statement

It's always good to connect the beginning of your statement to the end and a great way to reinforce what you said at the start.

You want to see the ending as your chance to finish in a way that'll make the admissions tutor remember you.

This final part of your personal statement should emphasise the great points you've already made and answer the question of why you should be offered a place on the course.

Remember this is YOUR personal statement so make it all about YOU!!!