

The need for a good personal statement (for UK universities)



Studying at university is not just about gaining knowledge. You will also be required to make a valuable contribution to the class through group discussions, tutorials, group assignments etc. Universities want you to be engaged in your programme and show dedication, interest and proactive commitment.

The personal statement allows the admissions coordinator to get to know you better. The personal statement is used as a gauge where you can add further information about yourself that is not covered within the application form. Through the personal statement, you can inform the university why you have chosen this course, your personal attributes that make you suitable to follow the programme, your future aspirations etc

Consider the personal statement as a form of an interview. Start working on the personal statement as early as possible. You are most welcome to discuss the personal statement with your HRDS Education Planner who will give you an honest opinion on the suitability of the statement and any other information you need to add.

Think how you can make yourself stand out from the hundreds of other applicants with similar academic achievements. How are you different?

A well prepared personal statement will also help you with the Ministry of Education interviews. If you are clear about why the choice of course, what does the course entail, how you can make a contribution upon your return etc, then your MoE interview will be straightforward.