

PERSONAL STATEMENT GUIDE (SAMPLE)

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SECTION 1:

THE COURSE YOU ARE APPLYING FOR

This section should include what you intend to study, why you intend to study the course, what are your motivations for choosing that particular course and what problem will you solve by studying this particular course. (Telling a story to achieve this will make your Personal Statement captivating).

For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated by all living things. Throughout my childhood travels I have encountered many natural wonders in various parts of the world, from the giant redwood forests of California, to the rich variety of aquatic life populating the coral reefs of the Caribbean Sea, which have all greatly inspired my imagination.

Studying Biology at school, especially at A-Level, has made me realize the broad spectrum of fields the subject encompasses, and I am eager to study the different areas in greater depth, and this is the reason why I have decided to study MSc Microbiology.

SECTION 2:

PAST STUDY, WORK EXPERIENCE, SKILLS ETC.,

This section should highlight your previous studies and skill sets gained overtime; work experiences that will help you excel in the chosen course you have mentioned in section one. (You can talk about courses you have taken, books you have read, research you have done, various work positions held in relation to your preferred course, just assure the Admission Team that you are the right student for this course).

At Graduate school, reading around the subject has allowed me to extend my biological knowledge beyond the A-level specification. I am particularly interested in evolution, undoubtedly one of the central concepts underlying Biology. David Attenborough's 'Life on Earth' helped me to understand the major events in the evolution of life by considering animal and plant species which are alive today, whilst Richard Dawkins' 'The Blind Watchmaker' drew my attention to the importance of Darwinian natural selection.

I have enjoyed books by Steve Jones such as 'The Language of the Genes' and 'In the Blood', as they provide a fascinating insight into many of the issues associated with human genetics and heredity. I also read New Scientist magazine, and have been particularly intrigued by recent articles exploring the various controversial ways in which we may attempt to combat global warming, such as ocean fertilization and geoengineering.

During the Summer I participated in a 'Biosciences Boot Camp' run by Babraham Research Institute, which gave me a useful insight into the world of biomedical research and enabled me to explore a range of career possibilities. I had the unique opportunity to work alongside a team of researchers in the

molecular signaling laboratory, and I learned how to carry out polymerase chain reactions and use TIRF microscopy to observe the activity of signaling enzymes within cells.

SECTION 3:

REASONS FOR CHOOSING TO STUDY IN THE UK (OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY YOU HAVE DECIDED TO STUDY IN)

This section should highlight why UK (or your chosen Country of study) is your choice study destination and not your country. You can also mention one or two countries you considered before selecting to study in UK (or your chosen Country of study).

I have chosen to study in UK because it is one of the world's leading destinations for international students, second only to the USA. UK universities are among the best in the world, and consistently perform well in world rankings. They also have a reputation for world-class research. UK higher education degrees and qualifications are recognized by employers and academics worldwide. Students get the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge, critical thinking, and connections to drive forward their careers.

SECTION 4:

REASONS FOR CHOOSING TO STUDY IN THE UNIVERSITY AND HOW YOU WILL EXCEL IN YOUR STUDIES

This section will require you carry out a bit of research about the school you want to apply, talk about the facilities, modules that interest you etc., and how you will excel in your studies.

Thus, bearing in mind my vision, I am applying to the University of Hertfordshire for my Master in Microbiology. I have an assurance of being groomed by competent lecturers. This I discovered while exploring the faculty profiles, their achievements and inputs in the field of Microbiology as a profession. Getting enrolled in a reputable and world-renowned institution like the University of Hertfordshire will further equip me with first-class expertise and knowledge, and develop best practices and leadership needed to impact.

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I have no doubt I have the intellectual ability, emotional intelligence and other skills required to succeed in the program. I am a diligent, focused, empathic, intelligent, an embodiment of virtue and also the will to succeed in this career.

SECTION 5:

YOUR FUTURE PLANS AND CLOSING REMARKS

In this section, you are required to state your future plans and closing remarks. **(KINDLY NOTE: Do not include plans to stay back in the UK to work or stay Indefinitely).**

My future plan is to be a top manager and key stakeholder in the health sector, where I will be able to change unfavorable policies, ensure better health care delivery, create an enabling environment for both staff and clients in order to ensure smooth operations and all-round success among other things. I believe that this MSc course in your prestigious institution is one step ahead to achieving these goals.

I looking forward to an exciting learning experience, and thank you for your kind consideration.

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