

WHAT MAKES A GOOD UCAS PERSONAL STATEMENT?

A good personal statement is one that is written at the end of an exhaustive research process. One good way to start is to ask yourself the following questions:

Why do you want to study that subject and what evidence do you have that your interest is real and not superficial?

This is a key component of the first plan of your personal statement.

Where do you want to study and why?

Admissions tutors want to know that your reasons for studying a subject at their university are based on good grounds. Do you understand the demands of the course and of the type of teaching and learning styles that you will encounter?

What do you know about the skills and attributes that the admissions tutor is looking for and how will you convince them that you possess these key skills?

Emphasise these skills in your statement.

What have your studies so far taught you about the course you hope to apply for?

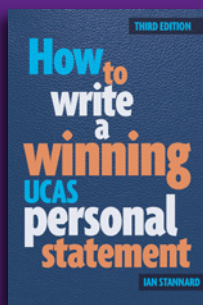
For instance, if applying to read Chemistry, what have you done at A level or equivalent that sparked your interest?

What do admissions tutors in your area of interest look for in a good statement?

Do your research and, if in doubt, email or telephone a tutor at a local university for advice. They are keen to hear from potential applicants, particularly those local to the university.

What evidence can you provide that supports your interest?

A good personal statement will show evidence of wider reading or participation in activities that support and extend your knowledge and understanding of the course you have picked.



For further guidance read *How to Write a Winning UCAS Personal Statement*

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