



Queen's University Belfast
Personal Statement

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Congratulations on your decision to apply to Queen's University. You have applied to one of the most prestigious universities in the U.K. Queen's University is a highly competitive program, and we want our students to do everything they can to strengthen their applications. As part of your application to Queen's University, you are required to write a personal statement.

A well-written personal statement can make the difference between a regular application and an incredible one. The departments at Queen's University admit applicants who are driven, motivated and prepared for an academically rigorous semester. Writing a strong personal statement will strengthen your application and help differentiate you from other applicants.

Think of your statement of purpose as a college admissions essay. Your personal statement should be about 500 words, and it should outline the reasons why you want to study at Queen's University and in the departments you've chosen. A statement can be especially useful for providing additional information which is not immediately apparent from your transcript and which is relevant to your course and departmental selections. You should discuss your reasons for applying, preparation you've done to be academically suited to Queen's University and specific study and research interests that you intend to pursue while at Queen's University. Mention a module you'd like to take at Queen's University and discuss why it's important to you: Is it not available at your home university? Is it in an unusual or interesting subject area that would be inaccessible outside of the U.K.? Why will studying at Queen's University broaden your academic horizons?

Your statement should also describe how and why a study abroad year/semester at Queen's University will assist you in achieving your academic and professional goals. For example, if taking a specific political science course offered at Queen's University will round out your academic background for your application to graduate school, mention this.

You must complete and submit your personal statement along with the other forms included in this document. Your application is not considered complete until you have sent a personal statement.