



## **Personal Statement Guide**

A personal statement is like a short reflective essay you write about why you're the perfect candidate for the chosen course. It involves writing about your skills, experience and ambitions – in order to persuade LSST that you're a suitable applicant and deserve a place on the course.

The personal statement should be at least **half a page long**. Writing a good personal statement is vital if you want to be accepted on your chosen course.

There is no right or wrong way to write a personal statement. Here are some simple questions that you could answer when writing your personal statement:

### **Why are you applying for your chosen course?**

You need to explain why you're interested in the course. Why do you want to study now? Have you always wanted to study but never had the chance? Talk about what you like about the subject, how your interest developed, and how it would help you towards achieving your long-term career goals.

### **Why do you think you are suitable for the course?**

You can write about any experiences you have had that are related to the course, or any skills you've learnt that might help you.

### **What skills do you have and how will that help you succeed on the course?**

Make sure you talk about your most impressive (and relevant) skills and achievements. Providing examples is essential – LSST wants to see where you learnt these skills. Whether it's referring to how you developed your customer service skills, or how you worked well under pressure.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Hobbies are a great way to show that you're a well-rounded person. Possible example could be anything from reading, going to cinema, shopping etc. It is important that you try to relate your hobbies to your chosen course.

### **What work experience or voluntary work you have done and how will this be relevant to your chosen course?**

Include details of placements, work experience, voluntary work, or jobs, especially if it is relevant to your chosen course. Try to show how this experience gave you new skills or made you think about your future plans, for example, things you really enjoyed or were good at.

Also include any part-time work you are still doing, like a Saturday job or babysitting.

### **How will the course help you achieve your future plans?**

Use this section to tell the college what you might like to do in the future as a career after completing the course. Explain how you would like to use the course you have applied for to help you reach your goal.