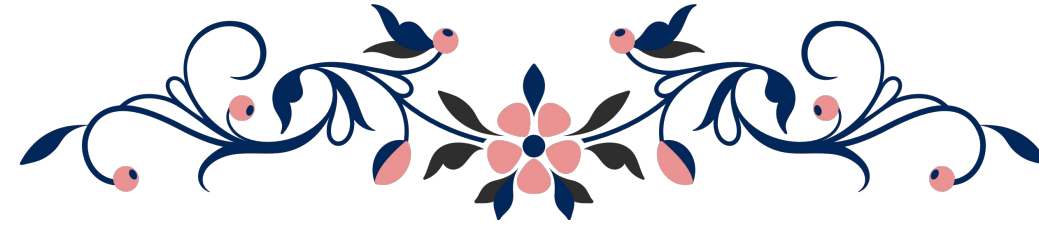


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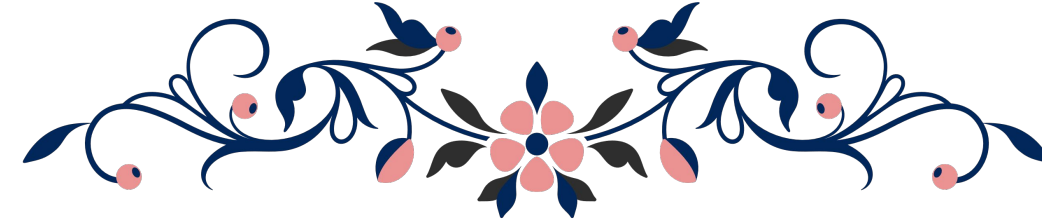
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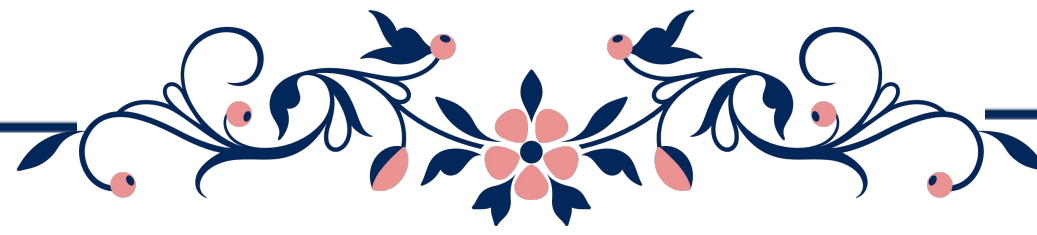
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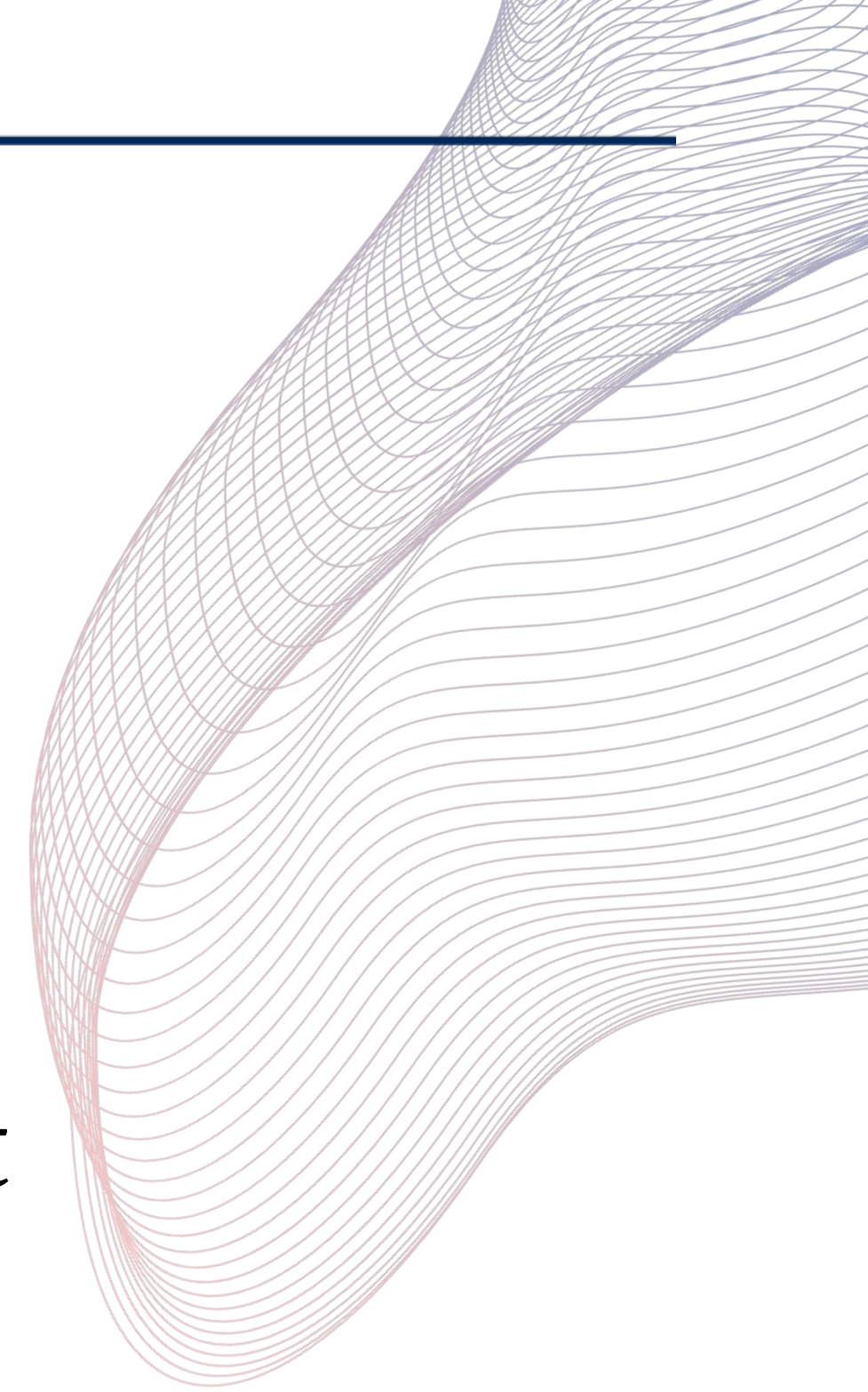
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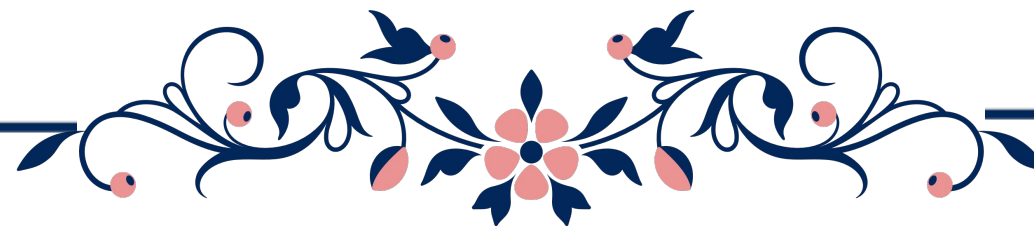
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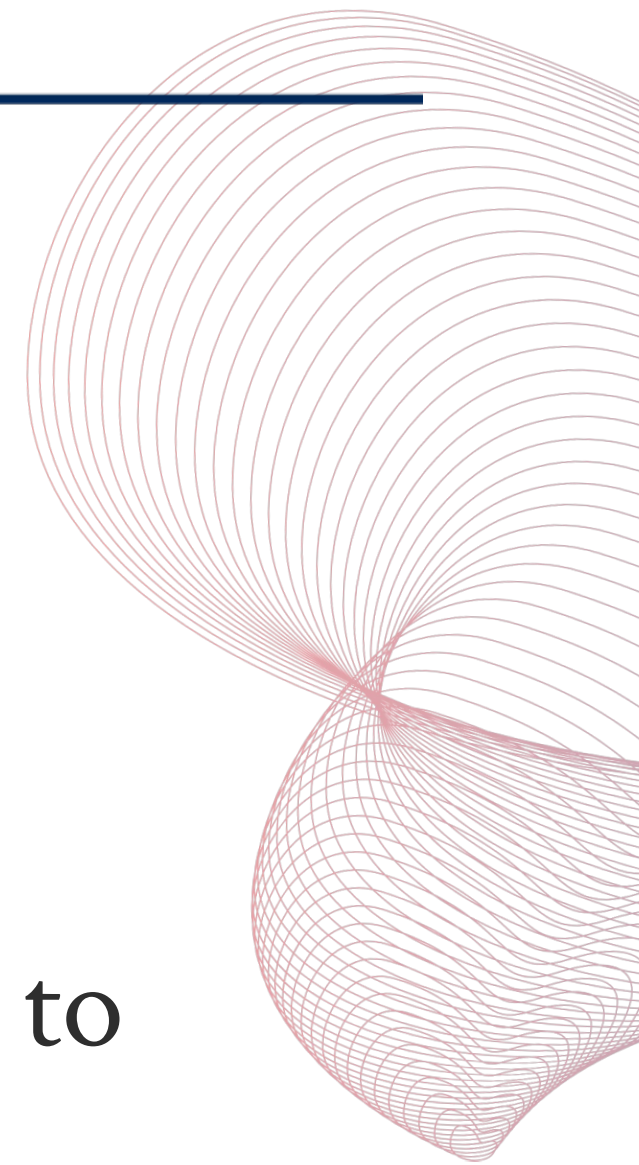
1. What is it?
2. What should I include?
3. How should I structure it?
4. What makes a good personal statement
5. Common mistakes to avoid
6. Contact info

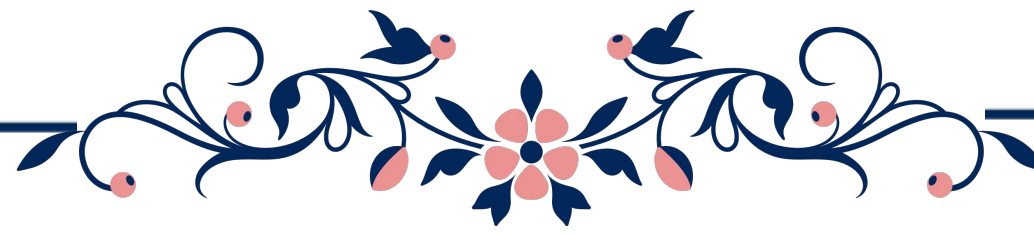




What is it?

- 4000 characters, 47 lines
- An essay about yourself about who you are, why you want to study medicine, and why you would be a good doctor
- Used for interview selection





They might change for 2025 entry

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PERSONAL STATEMENTS WILL NOT BE CHANGING FOR 2024 ENTRY

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Students have mixed views on the personal statement.

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We know they rely heavily on support from others to feel confident they've covered all the right information. Students also tell us they value the process, and it helps their decision-making.

For these reasons we will not be removing this from the application, but following their feedback we will be looking to reform it.



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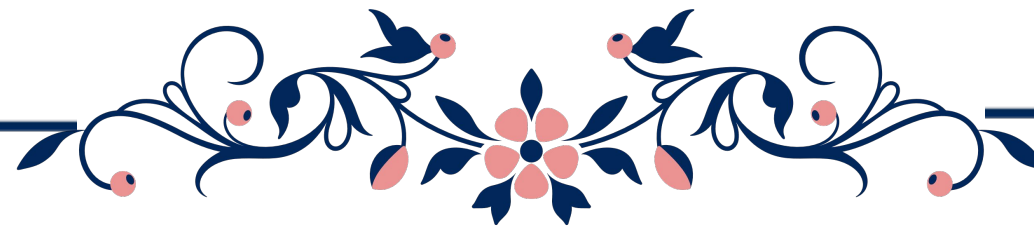
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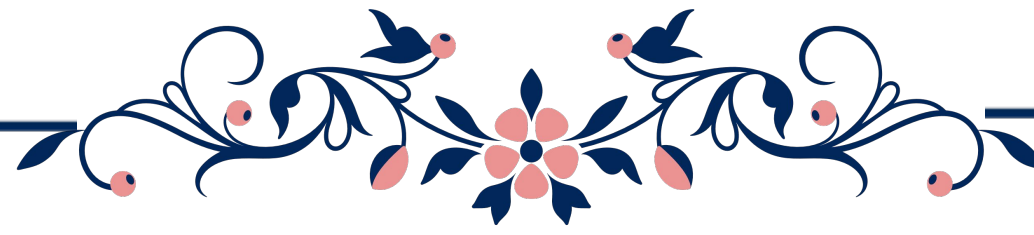
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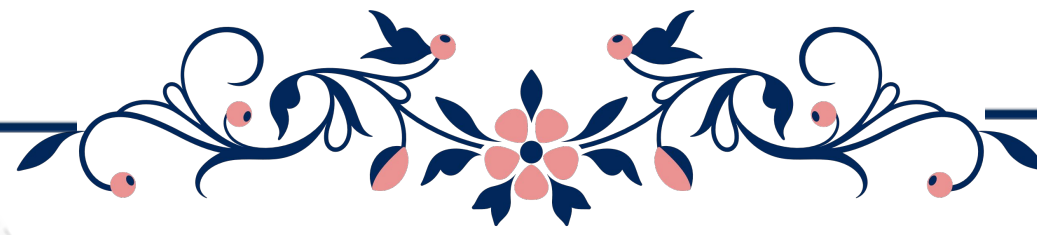
What should I include?

- Motivation to study medicine and genuine interest in the medical profession
- Insight into your own strengths and weaknesses
- The ability to reflect on your own work
- Personal organisation
- Academic ability
- Problem solving
- Dealing with uncertainty
- Manage risk and deal effectively with problems
- Ability to take responsibility for your own actions
- Conscientiousness
- Insight into your own health
- Effective communication, including reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Teamwork
- Ability to treat people with respect
- Resilience and the ability to deal with difficult situations
- Empathy and the ability to care for others
- Honesty



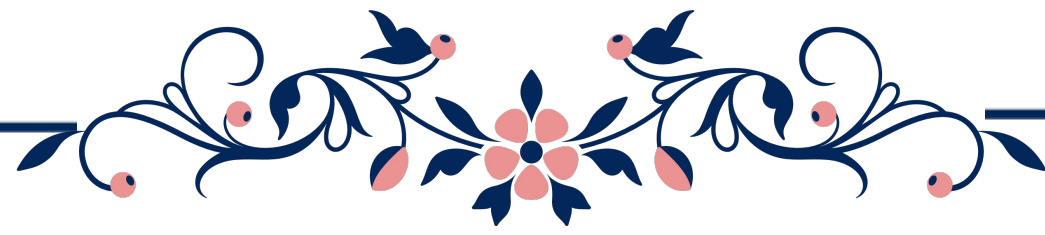
How will I be marked?

Criteria	Strong	Moderate	Weak
Motivation to study medicine			
Understanding of medicine as a career			
Community activities			
Evidence of leadership			
Evidence of ability to work in a team			
General interest			



Structure

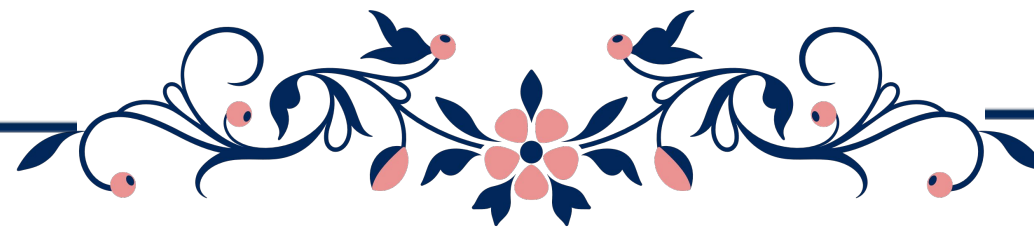
- Motivation & commitment to study medicine
- Work experience
- Voluntary work
- Academic & extracurricular achievements (Essay prize!)
- Extra reading - books, podcasts, courses, etc.



What makes a good personal statement?

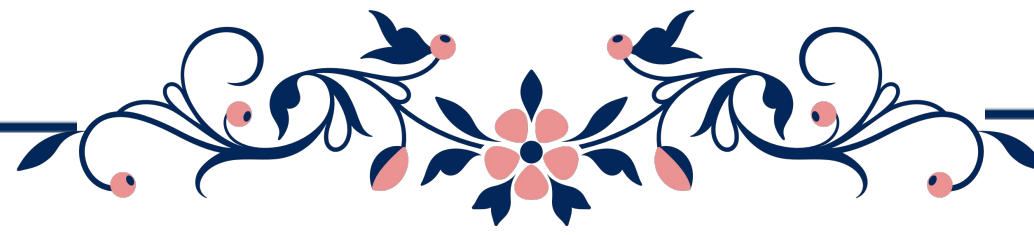
- Well-defined, specific motivation to study medicine - be honest
- Pick out experiences that highlight your best characteristics
- Show that you have a good understanding of what a career in medicine looks like
- What did you do? What did you learn from it? How has/is this going to impact you?
- **Show, don't tell**





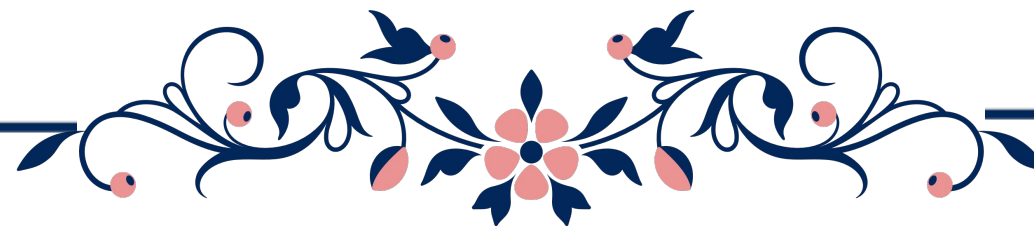
Example

- I like working with other people.
- Whilst shadowing in neuropsychiatry and paediatrics departments for 6 weeks in Korea, I learnt how collaborative patient care is, as carried out by members of an MDT. Captaining softball, leading Peer-Tutoring, and editing the school paper, I have worked with and led teams of various talents.



Example

- From a young age, my real fascination in life has been science - in particular, the incredible intricacy of the human body. My passion to discover more about its inner workings fuelled my motivation to study medicine, and the challenging yet rewarding nature of the job leaves me certain that I want to pursue it as a career.



Useful links



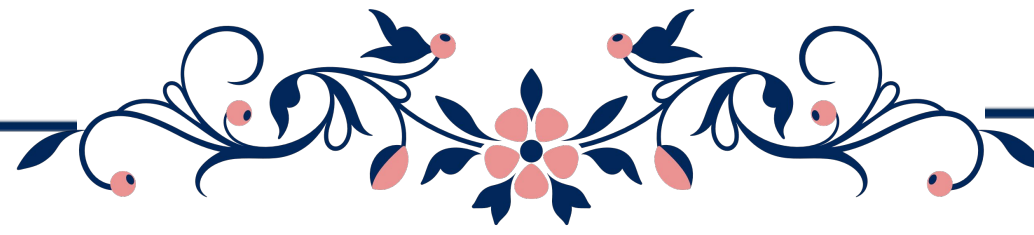
“Anatomy of a Personal Statement”
Oxford Uni



6 Personal Statement Examples
The Medic Portal

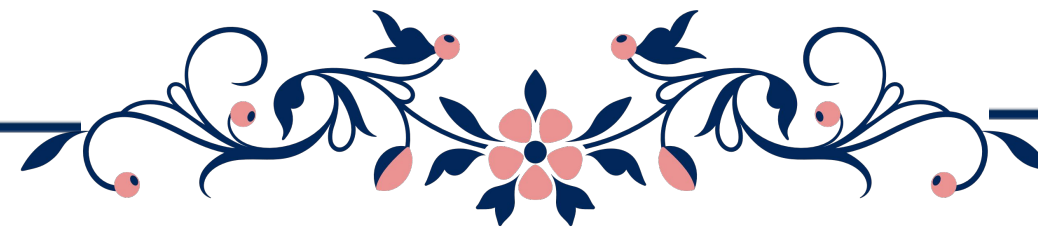


Personal Statement Examples
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Tips

- Read lots of examples - you can find examples online on admissions websites, Youtube, Tiktok, etc.
- Different schools have different admissions policies and are looking for slightly different things
- Ask for feedback!!!
- Start early
- Prepare a list of experiences/accomplishments you can talk about



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