



Submitting a Personal Statement Monash Abroad Exchange Program

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A personal statement is a short essay explaining the reasons why you want to go on exchange. This document outlines how to complete a personal statement as part of your exchange application.

Subject Area	Details
What is a personal statement?	<p>A personal statement is a short essay explaining the reasons that you wish to go on exchange to your selected first preference exchange institution.</p> <p>There are usually a limited number of places available at each partner institution per semester, so getting a place can be competitive.</p> <p>When making this selection, Monash Abroad will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Your WAM at the conclusion of the semester in which you apply; and- The academic suitability demonstrated in your study plan; and- Your personal statement outlining your motivation for choosing your first preference.
How long should my personal statement be?	Your personal statement should be between 300 and 400 words.
What should I include in a personal statement?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Any personal connections or interests you have to the country in which your first preference is located.- Your academic interest and any specific units or study areas you're interested in at your first preference institution (including any language studies).- How these study areas relate to your future goals.
What should I <i>NOT</i> include in a personal statement?	You do not need to include previous personal achievements unless they are relevant to your interest in studying at your first preference institution.
Will the personal statement be used for any other purposes?	There may be times when you are be asked to submit a statement regarding your motivations for going on exchange, for example as part of your application to the host institution or as part of applying for a scholarship. Your personal statement can be a good starting point when you need to provide one of these supplementary statements.