

## Guidelines for Personal Statement

A personal statement of not more than 1000 (<1000) words should be submitted with the application.

The main objective in obtaining a personal statement/statement from prospective students is to get to know them and their interests.

A personal statement should contain the following:

- A short description of the students' academic and personal background, including any extracurricular activities and interests
- **The students' academic and personal achievements and any difficulties he/she has had to overcome**
- Reasons for pursuing a Masters degree in Molecular Life Sciences OR Cellular and Molecular Immunology
- A short description conveying what the student knows about the subjects and what he/she has researched and understood about the course as well as the institute/university
- The students objectives and goals in life and what he/she intends to do after the course - this should include the **students vision of how he/she intends to implement the knowledge gathered during the course for the benefit of science and the community**
- **A short description of the students specific area(s) of interest within MSc course of Interest and a research area that he/she would like to pursue**
- Any additional information that is relevant and that will distinguish the student from other applicants

A well-written personal statement should enable the admission committee to:

- Evaluate the student and his/her skills beyond what is evident in the transcripts
- Gain a clear understanding of the students motivations and aspirations
- Assess the students likelihood of success as a graduate and a professional
- **Assess the students likelihood of becoming a responsible professional in the field of science**
- Determine whether the student has researched the course and the institute thoroughly and is aware of the academic demands of the course and the facilities available.

Determine whether the student will be an asset to the institute and the scientific as well as the global community.