

Guidelines for the Statement of Purpose (Personal Statement)

Please write a “personal statement” in English describing your interest in studying at ILA partner institution.

The essay should be printed on A4 size paper and be approximately 1200 words. Handwritten statements are not acceptable.

Remember, it is likely that you will be asked in depth about your essay during the interview.

Please include the word count, date, your name, student ID, and signature at the end of the essay.

Please read the following guidelines carefully before attempting to write your personal statement.

Things that you might write about include:

Related to your study at that partner institution:

- Why have you chosen to apply to that partner institution?
- Which subjects are you most interested in and why?
- How have your current or previous studies related to your interest in studying at that partner institution?
- What activities demonstrate your interest in that partner institution?
- Details of jobs, placements, work experience or voluntary work, particularly if it is relevant to your future studies at that partner institution.
- Evidence that you can contribute to the classes and student life at that partner institution.

Other possible topics:

- Why do you want to study in that country?
- Why do you want to study abroad?
- Why do you want to study at that partner institution?
- Whether you have any future plans of how you want to use the knowledge and experience that you gain.
- Hobbies, interests and social activities that demonstrate your skills and abilities.
- Any achievements that you are proud of, e.g. reaching grade 7 in piano proficiency, being selected for a sports team, community involvement, or extra-curricular activities.
- Positions of responsibility that you hold/have held both in and out of school, e.g. representative for a local charity.
- Attributes that make you interesting, special or unique.