Do I need to submit a Personal Statement?

The Personal Statement must be completed and uploaded via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) website if you have listed a preference for any of the following courses:

- 430100 UNSW Preparation Program (Arts & Social Sciences)
- 430120 UNSW Preparation Program (Engineering)
- 430110 UNSW Preparation Program (Business)
- 430130 UNSW Preparation Program (Science)

You only need to submit one Personal Statement even if you are applying for more than one of the above courses. If you do not submit a Personal Statement you cannot be considered for admission.

How do I complete and submit my Personal Statement?

2. Click on ‘Personal Statement’ and ‘Register Account’
3. Once registered, select ‘UNSW Prep – Personal Statement’ and complete. Practical suggestions on how to complete the Personal Statement are on page 2 of this document.
4. Once you have completed the Personal Statement, ‘Export Pdf’ and save the document to your desktop.
5. Upload the saved Personal Statement to UAC’s ‘Check and Change’ facility. When you log in to ‘Check and Change’ select ‘Upload’ from the menu and follow the instructions. If the Personal Statement is not uploaded to UAC you will not be considered for entry to the program.

**Important:** Ensure you update your browser before completing and then saving a copy of the Personal Statement for your records. If your form is blank, you will need to recomplete.

When do I have to submit my Personal Statement?

Deadlines to upload your Personal Statement will be updated on the UNSW Prep Website. The deadlines are in line with the close of preferences for each of the offer rounds.

Will I have to attend an interview?

An interview may be required by phone for entry into the UNSW Prep Program. These will take place in December 2019 to early January 2020. Please check the website later in the year for exact dates.

Who should I contact if I have any questions?

Student Academic & Career Success
Phone 02 9385 2060 Email: UNSWprep@unsw.edu.au
Personal Statement Guidelines

These guidelines will offer some practical suggestions on how to approach your Personal Statement. Remember, this is your opportunity to tell us about your successes, aspirations and your ability to overcome challenging situations. Your Personal Statement is your chance to tell us why you are a suitable applicant for the UNSW Preparation Program. Consider taking some time to plan what you will say by drafting your responses in point form for each question. Once you have reviewed your draft points, you can select the items you will focus on.

1. Reflect on your high school studies. In what ways were you successful and how did you overcome any challenges? (2500 characters – this includes, spaces and paragraphs)

- Success can be viewed in a variety of ways and means different things to different people. It might include academic results; non-academic activities; awards; opportunities; completion of specific tasks or assessments during high school; managing external responsibilities and school work; personal success.
- When considering challenges that you faced during high school, you might like to reflect on your EAS application, but you don’t need to include details of your exact circumstances again. Instead focus on the skills, strategies and personal characteristics that you employed to overcome some or all these challenges.
- Reflect on what you learnt as a result of these experiences and how this might help you in your future studies.

2. What are your reasons for applying to your chosen area of study through the UNSW Prep Program? (1000 characters - this includes, spaces and paragraphs)

- Personal motivation- why does that area of study appeal to you?
- What life experiences have you had, that make this your chosen area of study?
- What experiences have you had through your HSC which have inspired you to go in this direction?

3. What will you do during the UNSW Prep Program to prepare for university level study? (1000 characters - this includes, spaces and paragraphs)

- You are not expected to have all the answers or all the skills for university study when you begin the UNSW Prep Program. What we would like to see is that you have put thought into how you will approach the UNSW Prep Program to build on the skills and knowledge that you already have, to make you a great university student.

To find out more information about services available for students at UNSW that might assist you in answering this question, visit Student Academic & Career Success’s website (http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/) or visit the Current Students page(https://student.unsw.edu.au/)