

## **FINAL PERSONAL STATEMENT 2**

I am applying to study Biomedical Science due to my intense enthusiasm and desire to find out more about the interactions of microorganisms and the human body. This area of Science has always captivated me and I want to dedicate my future career to medicine with special focus on the workings of the human body and the impacts of disease. I feel that this course and direction to take in my studies would give me an amazing opportunity to expand my understanding, develop my practical skills and give me a strong future in medical research. In the future I hope to narrow my field of expertise to focus on cardiac surgery.

To encourage my interest I volunteered in a hospital and had the opportunity to observe the practices carried out by GP surgeons, therapists and cardiologists. Their coordinated and highly-qualified work fascinated me as I saw first-hand how teams of surgeons helped people with serious conditions. I worked closely with nurses helping them to take care of patients and spent time speaking with them throughout their treatments. It made me feel quite privileged to be involved in these activities.

Currently I am attending University Foundation Year to improve my academic English and skills required to study Science. Some modules on this course include; Bioscience, Critical Thinking, Qualitative and Quantitative research methods, combined they are helping me to understand, evaluate and analyse scientific theories and methods. The course also focuses on scientific enquiry, public speaking and research skills. I have been elected to be class representative by my classmates to deal with any problems that may arise within the programme.

I have already attended University in Russia where I studied Economics. After five years I chose to leave this discipline as it is not where my passion lies. Studying this course was initially based on family circumstances. It took a lot of courage and strength on my part to leave this area and redirect my attention to the career and dream that I have always had. I am confident in my decision and feel that my age and experience give me a great advantage. During this course I studied Psychology and Sociology which developed my skills in communication and working within a team. This course has helped me become more independent, determined and self-organised.

After high school I worked as a manager in a supply company, my responsibilities included working with clients, suppliers and constituting contracts. This experience enhanced my proficiency in organising complicated processes, with an ability to focus proficiently on all details. Also, it has expanded my capabilities of working in a team which is required in my future profession. I held this position at the same time as attending university so I needed to improve my time management skills and was successful due to my dedication.

Extreme sports are a passion of mine, mainly skiing and kayaking. They have helped me control my emotions, surmount difficulties and continue self-cultivation. I also worked as a ski instructor where I taught children to ski in a local school. This was momentous practice, as they taught me to be a more lenient and insistent person. As well this I like reading, particularly classic literature and scientific journals as it expands my outlook and it keeps me up to date with the latest news in science. I also love camping as it enables me to see many of the wild places in Russia. Travelling abroad has opened me up to new cultures, traditions and ways of life. It has helped me to understand other people, be more open-minded, respectful and I realized that it helped me find something new in myself.

Studying in the UK means a lot to me because of the level of expertise and the quality of research that exists in the medical area. Being part of a new culture will give me experiences that books cannot and I hope to use these to be successful in my professional career.