

Personal Statement

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In this Personal Statement you are asked to describe why you are applying to the Max Planck School of Cognition. Please include the names of 3 fellows while discussing your academic interests.

The Personal Statement serves as an opportunity for the applicant to introduce themselves to the selection committee. It is up to the applicants themselves to decide, what they want to highlight about themselves and their motivation. Every applicant will therefore address individual and unique topics in their letter to the Selection Committee.

A Personal Statement typically covers the following topics, but may diverge:

- Which research questions are you interested in?*
- How did you come to be interested in these research questions, and why do you think they matter?*
- Why is the MPS of Cognition is a good fit for you?*
- Why are you a good fit for the MPS of Cognition?*
- Which previous practical experiences and skills have you already acquired that will set you up for a successful PhD?*

If you do not currently have access to academic advisors for your application and need support, we recommend that you take part in our Applicant Support Program to receive individual feedback and advice on your application documents (Personal Statement and CV) by a student of the school. We will announce the start of the Application Support Program on our website during the application period in fall.

To the Selection Committee,

[Insert your text here, please remove all text in italics before submission.]

Kind Regards,

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