

Top Tips for a Good Application

- 1- Before starting to write your application, think about what you would like to say about yourself:
 - How would you describe yourself?
 - What would you like to do?
 - Why have you chosen this University/programme/scholarship?
 - Why do you think you are particularly suited to it?
 - What are your strengths? How can you demonstrate them?
 - Have you already won academic awards or prizes?
 - Have you published papers?
 - Have you got professional experience in a field related to your studies?
 - If you are applying in relation to a research programme, how would you describe your project?
 - What are your career ambitions? What would you like to do after you complete your programme of study?

- 2- Your application form will contain space for you to talk about yourself :
 - Use this space briefly to describe your special academic interests, and your purpose and objective in undertaking graduate study.
 - If you are applying for a research degree, state the proposed research subject (i.e. the thesis topic) in as much detail as possible. Then expand your research proposal, and give details of publications and of any other research experience and/or relevant preliminary reading that you have already undertaken. You may also indicate whether you have discussed your proposed research with a member of the academic staff at Warwick.
 - Make sure the information you provide is relevant to your application. Consider how it will help demonstrate that you are a good candidate for the programme.

- 3- Presentation:
 - Ensure your application is neatly presented and structured. Use paragraph marks to separate information, and keep to the space provided. Text that overruns may end up being cut out when your application is submitted.
 - If your application is hand-written, ensure your handwriting is legible. Leave enough space for the text to be easy to read.
 - Check your grammar and spelling. If possible, get a second person to check it too.
 - Make sure your application is complete. Have you answered all the questions?

- 4- Attachments and further documentation:
 - Check the application instructions for any attachment or documents which need to be sent alongside your application.
 - If references are required, ensure your references are tailored to the programme for which you are applying. This will reflect positively on your application.
 - If you need to provide a transcript, you may send a copy, and, if necessary, its translation in English. Please note that you may be required to show us the original transcript at a later date.

- If your references are sent by email or by post, ensure that they arrive before the deadline for your programme. If references are sent directly by your referees, ask them to confirm when they have sent them.

5- Take your time

- Ensure you are aware of deadlines and that you have got enough time to prepare a solid application.
- Most online application forms will allow you to save your application after each stage. So, why not take time to think about what you wish to say and come back to it later?