Template Personal Statement to undertake a research degree

in the School of Physics & Astronomy at the University of St Andrews.

University of St Andrews School of Physics and Astronomy research degree admission guidelines

*As a PhD/EngD/MSc(res) is a research degree, undertaking work on a topic at the forefront of modern research, we review applications to ensure those we admit are able to complete such a programme. Among such applicants, in allocating studentships, our aim is to recruit those who show the most promise to benefit from our programme, and to contribute to the life of our School. We recognise and value that these contributions may be of many forms, including working on important scientific problems, undertaking high impact public engagement and outreach, working with the School and University to improve the lived experience of under-represented groups, and identifying and developing novel applications of research.*

You do not need to use the template that is **provided on the following page**; however, you should take note of the topics we want you to address as we will use your answers to these questions in our assessment of your application prior to interview. *Please keep your submission within 1 page.*

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| Undergraduate University and Course details |
| A brief summary of your undergraduate course and/or masters program. You might also want to include e.g. information on the courses or research most relevant to your application, the parts you enjoyed most and least. |
| DESCRIBE A RECENT Research PROJECT |
| A brief description of a research project you have completed, either as part of your undergraduate degree or during a summer project. You might also want to include e.g. what you learnt, what you enjoyed and didn’t enjoy, whether you want to continue doing similar research or try something new. |
| activities beyond physics and Astronomy |
| We are interested to hear about other activities you enjoy. You might want to tell us about your leadership within those activities, or ways you have changed the world around you for the better. |