

Personal Statement Template for Global/Public Health Programs

Disclaimer: This is only a guide and will not guarantee you success into your program of choice.

Paragraph 1 – About Yourself

- Tell a story about yourself and share any personal experiences that make you interested in global/public health
 - This could be your personal experiences or even experiences that your family members went through which drove your passion
 - Include engagement with extra-curricular or volunteering and its links to public/global health

Paragraph 2/3 – About the School (might do more paragraphs depending on what the word count is)

- Tie your experiences to the program
 - Example: “These experiences made me interested in improving [insert aspect of public health you are interested in]”
- For example: “This is why I am applying to the [insert school and program]”
 - Mention if you want to take any certificate here
- Mention why that school in particular
 - Example “I am particularly attracted to [insert reasons]”
 - Make sure this is not generic and show that you researched what the school has to offer and what makes their program unique
 - Mention courses, research centers that align with your interests

Paragraph 4 – Your specific interests

- Mention your specific research areas of interests
- Name 1 professor that you would like to work with
 - Example “I hope to have the opportunity to study under and learn from [insert professor]”
 - Say why their work interests you and what you think you could learn from it

Paragraph 5 – Conclusion

- What you hope to gain from the school and your future career goals
- Mention knowledge and skills gained from the program and what this will equip you to do

Notes

- You can also write more in the first paragraph providing more details on your experience
 - Include attending conferences, coursework you have taken, events you have engaged with

- If they provide you questions, make sure to weave the questions into this guide or just directly use the questions to create your statement
- What you want to tell them
 - Your interest in public health and your previous experience in the field
 - Why you want to attend their school and program
 - Your research interests
 - Insert the name of professors or current research projects if you can
 - Your future career paths
- Don't exceed the word count, if they do not give you one 800-1000 words should be fine to detail everything

