

Study Plan Template for Scholarship Applications

General Version • Beginner-Friendly Guide

HOW TO USE THIS TEMPLATE

Replace the bracketed instructions with your own information. Use your real experiences, goals and plans. Never invent achievements, research experience or university details. Always follow the scholarship's official word limit and instructions.

1. Personal & Academic Introduction

GUIDE: Briefly introduce yourself, your current/previous degree and the program you want to pursue.

My name is [Full Name], and I have completed/am currently pursuing my [Degree Name] in [Field/Major] from [University/Institution].

During my academic journey, I developed a strong interest in [specific subject/area], particularly [topic].

I am applying for [Scholarship Name] to pursue [Degree and Program] at [University Name] because this opportunity closely matches my academic interests and long-term career objectives.

2. Academic Background

GUIDE: Explain the parts of your previous education that are relevant to the proposed degree. Mention relevant courses, projects, research, internships or certifications.

My previous education in [Degree/Field] provided me with a foundation in [Subject 1], [Subject 2], and [Subject 3].

One area that particularly interested me was [topic] because [reason].

During my studies, I [project/research/internship/work experience], which helped me understand [what you learned].

This experience strengthened my interest in [proposed field] and encouraged me to develop advanced knowledge and practical skills in this area.

3. Why I Chose This Field of Study

GUIDE: Explain the genuine academic or professional reason behind your choice.

I have chosen to pursue [Program/Field] because of my growing interest in [specific area].

My previous experience in [degree/work/project] allowed me to recognize the importance of [problem/opportunity].

However, I believe I need deeper knowledge of [knowledge/skill gap]. Therefore, I want to develop advanced skills in [subjects/skills] through this program.

This field is relevant to my future plans because [career connection].

4. Why I Chose This University and Program

GUIDE: Research the official university website. Identify specific courses, specializations, research areas or facilities that genuinely match your goals.

I have selected [University Name] because its [program/course/research area/specialization] closely matches my academic interests.

The [Program Name] particularly interests me because it offers opportunities to study [Course/Area 1], [Course/Area 2], and [Course/Area 3].

I am especially interested in [specific course/research center/faculty/research area] because [reason].

I believe this academic environment will help me strengthen my knowledge in [skills/subjects] and gain broader international academic exposure.

5. My Academic Plan

GUIDE: Describe what you plan to accomplish during your studies. A staged plan is clearer than one large paragraph.

Stage 1 — Foundation: During the initial stage, I plan to focus on [subjects/areas] and strengthen my understanding of [knowledge].

Stage 2 — Skill Development: I intend to develop skills in [Skill 1], [Skill 2], and [Skill 3] through coursework, projects, case studies, research or practical opportunities.

Stage 3 — Research/Practical Application: In the later stage, I intend to apply my knowledge to [research project/dissertation/practical problem/business case]. My intended area of interest is [topic].

6. Skills I Want to Develop

GUIDE: Choose only skills that are genuinely relevant to your program and career goals.

- [Skill 1]
- [Skill 2]
- [Skill 3]
- [Skill 4]

These skills will help me [explain their relevance to your future].

7. My Career Plan

GUIDE: Explain both your immediate career direction and longer-term professional objective.

Short-Term Goal: After completing my [Degree Name], I intend to [job/professional/research goal] and apply my skills in [industry/sector/field].

Long-Term Goal: In the longer term, I aim to become [professional role/entrepreneur/researcher/etc.] and contribute to [industry/field/community/country].

8. Contribution After Graduation

GUIDE: Be realistic. Explain how you will apply your education rather than making exaggerated promises.

After completing my studies, I intend to use the knowledge and skills gained through [University/Program] in [country/industry/sector].

I hope to contribute by [specific contribution].

I plan to apply my knowledge of [skill/field] to [practical application].

In the longer term, I would also like to [training/research/business/education/consultancy/community contribution].

9. Why This Scholarship Matters

GUIDE: Briefly explain how the scholarship supports your academic objectives. Keep the emphasis on your academic purpose, not only finances.

Receiving [Scholarship Name] would provide me with the opportunity to pursue [degree/program] in an international academic environment.

The financial and academic support would allow me to focus more fully on my studies, research and professional development.

This opportunity would help me develop the expertise required to achieve my long-term objective of [goal].

10. Closing Statement

GUIDE: Bring your academic background, proposed study and future goals together in a confident but realistic ending.

My decision to pursue [Program Name] is based on a clear academic and professional objective.

My previous education in [field] has provided me with a foundation, while this program would allow me to develop advanced knowledge and skills in [specialization].

I am committed to making full use of this opportunity and applying what I learn toward my future goals.

I believe receiving [Scholarship Name] would be an important step toward achieving my academic and professional objectives and making a meaningful contribution in [field/country/industry].

Final Submission Checklist

- ☐ My academic background connects logically with my proposed program.
- ☐ I have explained why I chose this field.
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- ☐ I researched the actual curriculum and relevant academic opportunities.
- ☐ My academic and career goals are specific and realistic.

- ☐ My study plan is consistent with my CV and other documents.
- ☐ All dates, degrees, achievements and experiences are accurate.
- ☐ I followed the scholarship's exact instructions and word limit.
- ☐ I removed generic, exaggerated or copied statements.
- ☐ I proofread the final document.

Universal Scholarships tip: Your study plan should be specific, realistic and consistent with your CV, transcripts and other application documents.

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