



Your application includes a written personal statement. This offers you the opportunity to share more than simply your transcript with us.

Any information you provide will be treated as confidential.

Your *Personal Statement* should be between 750-1,000 words (please type and double-space) and should have three parts (Parts A, B and C). *Please use a formal essay format with an introduction, body and conclusion.*

Part A: Academic History

- Please comment on your high school record (and/or college/university, if applicable) and any reasons you think your previous academic record may not reflect your potential (if applicable).
- What, if any, challenges did you face in high school (and/or college/university, if applicable), for example: family issues, academic, personal, disability, etc.? How did you address them?
- How you plan to ensure that you successfully address these or similar challenges while at university?

Part B: Academic Goals

- Why do you wish to attend university, what do you want to study and why?
- How will attending university help you achieve your (educational, personal and/or career) goals?

Part C: Why IESP is right for you

(Be sure to read up on our program on our website in order to help you address this section.)

- How can the program help you achieve your goals? Please be specific about what aspects of the program you feel will be helpful to you and why.
- The Seminar and Workshops both call for working with other students, often in groups. Please tell us about your strengths and weaknesses in groups. Have you had problems with group work in the past, how will you address these problems in the future?
- What aspects of Indigenous culture are you most familiar with and/or interested in? For example, some Indigenous students are interested in discovering more about their heritage. Others are interested in finding out more about the Indigenous politics/treaties across the country.