

## Statement of Purpose (SOP) Development Guide

*Instructions: Use this as a GUIDE in writing your SOP for Australian admissions and student visa application purpose. Your SOP must be written in a separate paper and use the guidelines below to assist you in presenting your unique story in an honest, plausible and accurate manner. Limit your SOP up to two pages only.*

1. Start writing your SOP by introducing yourself with your full name, date of birth, nationality and where you are currently living. Include the course and name of institution that you intend to study. Also Identify who will sponsor/finance your studies in Australia.
2. Provide brief details of your education history – from Year 10 and 12 equivalent qualifications to your highest qualification.
3. If applicable, describe your employment history including the name of the company, job title and the duration of each job you have held.
4. Give honest reasons for any major gaps in your studies and/or employment history and where possible, attach documentary evidence to your SOP.
5. Describe the specific research you conducted which led you to choose your preferred Australian course and institution. Include the name and duration of the course and institution where you intend to study in Australia. You should also be able to identify the career opportunities or professional recognition aligned with the course that you are intending to study. This can be found in the course information in the prospectus and at the CDU website:  
<http://www.cdu.edu.au/international/future-students/courses>
6. State how your selected course is linked to your previous study and/or work experience. If there is no link, explain why you are seeking a change of discipline and therefore a career change.
7. If there are similar courses of the same international standing available in your home country, provide reasons on why you choose to study in Australia instead. Also explain how this course will benefit you in your future career prospects back in your home country or in other international settings where employment opportunities may be available for you.
8. If you have dependents (spouse and children), please provide their names and age. Also indicate if they plan to accompany you or join you later or remain in your home country whilst you study in Australia.
9. State any compelling reasons for returning to your home country once you successfully complete your selected course and after you have qualified for and taken advantage of the post study work Visa.
10. Provide details of any other relevant or critical information that the visa assessing officers would expect you to disclose – e.g. details of previous visa refusal/s, unusual sponsorship or financial conditions, reasons for frequent overseas travel, etc. If possible, attach any documentary evidence to your SOP.

11. Your SOP must end with the following statement:

*I declare that the particulars given above are true and correct in every detail. I understand that incorrect or misleading statements may result in refusal of my admission and/or student visa application.*

*Signature .....*      *Date .....*