

# Human Biology Personal Statement

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My ambition is to become a surgeon. From a young age I have been fascinated by the human body, especially the ever beating heart that begins life from as early as 3 months after conception and does not stop beating till the last breath.

I am Asian and feel that Asian females are underrepresented in areas such as this; and I would like to make a difference.

I believe passionately in the NHS and that every individual should be treated equally and should be provided with a service that is not means-tested. Patients and their needs should come first.

I am a keen and conscientious student, punctual and very reliable. I enjoy working as part of a team as well as independently and also have a good sense of humour.

For this year's research project I have chosen heart disease and will be carrying out primary research in Bangladesh over the Christmas holiday.

I have gained valuable experience by looking after people who are severely ill in my family. I have been able to deal with the problems that have arisen at home and have successfully completed the first year of my course under immense pressure; having been able to develop patience under all the stress, has given me an important quality for the field that I want to enter.

My communications course helped to develop my professional skills and also prepare me for work experience placements with the elderly in a daycentre, with diverse clients at the colleges sports centre and with children. I gained valuable insights into a range of clients and contexts, as well as the skills required to meet their very different needs.

I have arranged a placement for myself at the Leeds general infirmary in the cardiology ward, which I am really looking forward to; I hope it will give me a further insight into what the medical profession is like.

Although I am familiar with English Makaton because of my brother who has Downs Syndrome I am determined to improve my sign language skills.

I am bi-lingual so when communicating with health professionals and other people my mum has contact with because of her heart disease and renal failure, I have to switch between English and Bengali to get the messages across, because my mum cannot speak English herself. I also know Hindi and Urdu.

In my spare time, I either read books by my favourite author Laurell K. Hamilton who I think is a specialist in the genre of horror, or reading up on the "New Scientist" magazine or just surfing the net. The website I tend to go to most of the time is 'How stuff works', especially the science and health categories.

I think it has very useful information and would recommend the website to anyone who is interested in how things work.

I will work passionately to achieve my life's main goal and become a surgeon; I would be thrilled if this application gave me the opportunity to start.