



# HOW TO WRITE SOP FOR CANADA STUDENT VISA

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If you have been lucky enough to have been accepted to study at an institution in Canada then you will have to apply for your Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) which needs to be approved by the Canadian High Commission. One of the important parts of your application for this visa is the writing of a Statement of Purpose (SoP) for your student visa application.

Care must be taken when writing your SoP to show the reader that you are truly going to Canada to study and not to find work. You also need to show how you are going to support yourself and where you are going to stay. Fail to satisfy them and you could find your visa application simply rejected.

## What Needs to be in your Canadian student visa SoP?

It is important that you ensure that you cover everything that they will be wanting to know about you within your SoP. Leave any questions that they may have about you unanswered and you may have a rough time with getting your visa approved. The following are some of the areas that you will be expected to cover within your SoP:

Your financial circumstances:

- How will you be able to support yourself during your studies?
- Do you have any dependants that you are responsible for?
- What is your family income and their employment details?
- What are your current liabilities and assets?

Where will you live in Canada?

- If you will stay with family provide their details and attach a letter of support from them
- Provide details of where you hope to stay and the associated costs of doing so

Have you any gaps in your employment or education?

- Provide details of why you have any gaps within past employment or education and supply any relevant evidence.

What institution will you study at and why?

- Give details of the institution you will attend and why you selected it
- If you applied to other programs explain the outcome of those applications

What course will your study at the institution?

- Give the full details of the particular course or courses that you have been accepted on

Explain why you are looking to study in Canada and not back home:



- Compare the program you will study in Canada with the equivalent at home and explain why you have chosen to study in Canada
- Demonstrate the value of following the program you have selected
- Detail out the programs that you could have studied at within your home country and how you have researched them

How is your experience and background relevant to your proposed studies?

- Explain how your past academic studies and work experience qualify you for the studies you have been accepted for
- If you have made a change in educational direction then you must explain why
- If you have selected a program that is of the same or lower level than your highest qualification you must explain why you are doing so

What are your plans for employment or further education on graduation?

- Explain your future ambitions and in which country they lay
- If those ambitions are outside your home country explain why
- Show what research you have conducted on future employment opportunities

### How to Write an Effective SoP?

- Always review the requirements on the commissions web page with great care so that you are confident as to what they want to know within your SoP.
- Outline your statement before you start writing. Make notes against all of the questions that they have to make sure they are all covered fully.
- Attach evidence: support all of the information that you provide within your statement by attaching any evidence that you have.
- Keep to the facts and stay honest: they will always check your statement and will also cover it within your interview.
- Focus on what they want to know: don't wander off of the subject within your writing.
- Show that you are there to get an education: if you talk more about the benefits of Canada than the course you will follow then they will question your motives.
- Use concisely written easy to understand English. Never include any acronyms or any form of slang within your writing.
- Check your writing: one of the areas that they will want to check is your skill with English. So always carefully proofread what you have written.
- Proofread: they will assess your English skills through your SoP so ensure there are no issues with how your SoP has been written.

**Remember as the University of Toronto advises you:**

*“Processing applications for Study Permits and Visas may take several weeks (processing times vary depending on the country). If you receive an Offer of Admission and decide you want to come here, you should not delay in accepting your offer and applying for your Study Permit/ Visa to avoid any problems resulting from lengthy processing times. “*

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