



Sample Personal Statement for UCAS Admission

My love and passion for photography originated while I was in high school. I remember attending a Wildlife Photography Exhibition with my classmates during a study tour. The images of animals and birds I saw at the exhibition enamored me and I felt like they were speaking to me, trying to tell a story. My father bought me my first camera around the time I graduated from high school. Photographing an ephemeral event in time is a way of preserving life's transitory moments. I regard photography as a form of expression through which I can fully convey myself to the rest of the world. Despite my extensive expertise in the area, I want to broaden my knowledge and gain new tools and approaches that will enable me to reach my full potential.

After my intermediaries, I was adamant on pursuing a bachelor's degree in Photography. My hardwork and perseverance to get into a top institution paid off as I was able to secure my candidacy for the undergrad program at Delhi College of Photography. I learned the intricacies of lifestyle, landscape, event, and portrait photography through the course. Portraiture and photojournalistic documentaries were subjects that I was inquisitive about. Experimental Approaches to Image Production, Documentary, Narrative Photography, and Photography Theory, among other subjects, were extremely beneficial in instilling in me an understanding of storytelling possibilities, historical debates on the subject, contemporary theory, and conceptual knowledge. I was able to significantly increase my image-making abilities through the training received from this institution.

Along with my studies, I have worked as an Assistant Photographer for almost two years. Event photography and wedding photography are two of my specialties. I have a basic understanding of technical aspects like optical picture stabilisation, automatic exposure bracketing, and RAW format. I am adept in Adobe Photoshop and using proper accessories such as white balancing tools, tripods, collapsible reflector and filters. In my time as an event photographer, I was responsible for assessing the composition of shots, managing and preserving imagery, utilising photographic techniques to generate great images, enhancing the appearance of a subject with artificial or natural lighting. My explorations in the textile industry has helped me learn the nuances of using fabrics to create a good portrait. I have personally witnessed how different lights are reflected by clothing material and this has assisted me in creating my own photographic style.

I have never missed out on a chance to learn more about photography. I had attended a 5 day photography workshop hosted by Raghunath Rai Chowdhry, who is one of India's leading photographers. I have volunteered for several photography competitions and seminars held by The Photography Society of India, Delhi. I am a member of Federation of Indian Photography (FIP) and Wedding Photographer's Association of India (WPAI). I am currently undertaking an online course on Digital Photography and Editing through Coursera.

I have decided to apply for the Photography MA program offered by Kingston University, London after a lot of research. This curriculum supports a rich multidisciplinary perspective that bridges the barriers between numerous styles, genres, and subject topics that interact with the broader notion of photography. I would like to gain a better understanding of ethnography, dialectical aesthetics, and conceptual art.

Thousands of overseas students choose the United Kingdom as their academic destination because of the country's educational benefits. A UK degree or diploma is equivalent to a certification from the United States or other Scandinavian countries. My career chances in India will undoubtedly benefit from my global exposure and diverse awareness. The country's certifications are internationally recognised, which will boost the value of my professional profile.

I am a person who is confident in my abilities and I am sure that with the training I receive from Kingston University, I will be able to establish myself as a top rated event photographer in my home country. I look forward to collaborating with like minded individuals and other industry experts during my time at Kingston. These experiences would certainly expand my spectrum of knowledge related to photography and give me the exposure I require to become a master of this craft.