

The Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme – UCAS Personal Statement

When you complete your UCAS application form online, you will be asked whether you have participated in an activity to prepare you for higher education. You can answer 'yes' as you have taken part in The Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme. We also recommend that you talk about your experience participating in The Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme in your personal statement.

If the Scholars Programme course you completed is similar to the subject you are applying to study at university, you can use it to talk about why you are applying for that course and the academic skills you developed. If it was not similar to the subject you are applying to study at university, you can still talk about the academic skills that you developed and want to pursue further.

Remember, universities are looking for you to demonstrate your academic passion. They want to know what you are interested in and why you want to study a particular course at university.

Example template you can use:

Start by introducing The Scholars Programme:

- In (insert school year) I took part in The Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme. The topic of the course was ...
- I particularly enjoyed learning about ... because ...
- At the end of the course, I completed a final assignment on ...

Then describe what you learnt/which academic skills you developed:

- Throughout the course I developed my academic skills, including ... (e.g. critical analysis, critical evaluation, presentation skills, written communication etc.)
- As part of the course, I completed some wider reading on ... by ... which furthered my understanding of ...

Finish by explaining how this links to your interest in applying for this particular course:

- Taking part in The Scholars Programme has made me excited to go to university to study ...
- Learning about ... has made me keen to learn more about ...
- Developing my academic skills in ... will be very useful at university because ...
- At university, I would like to further develop my ability to ... (insert academic skill)

We recommend you follow any guidance your school or teachers will provide, but if you would like further information about personal statements, you can visit this additional resource:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aew9cQit9fo>

For further information about noting your completion of The Scholars Programme on your UCAS application form as an activity in preparation for Higher Education, please click here:

<https://thebrilliantclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/UCAS-Application-form-support.pdf>