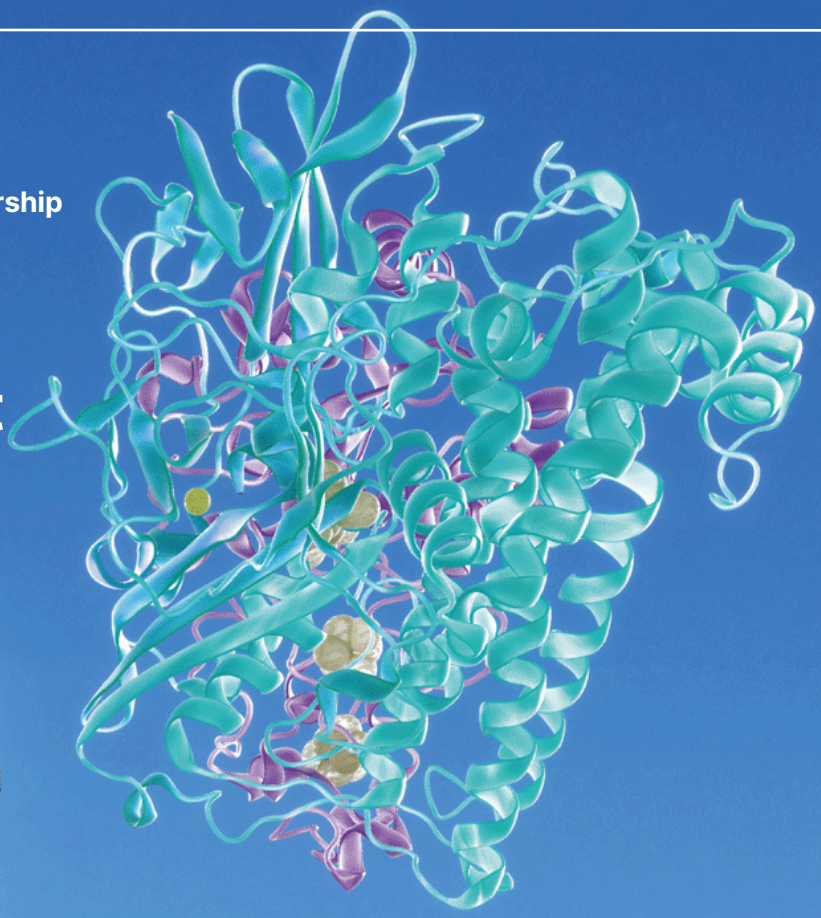
Berlin University Alliance

Call for Applications Laidlaw Scholars Leadership & Research Programme

Guidelines for the Personal Statement



Please note:

Since the personal statement must be submitted in English, a German version of the guidelines is not available.

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1 About the Personal Statement

- The personal statement allows applicants to explain why they wish to join the program.
- Applicants can reflect on how the program relates to their experiences, interests, and future goals.

2 Formalities

Please make sure that your personal statement meets the following formal requirements:

- **Language:** You must submit your personal statement in English.
- **Length:** Your personal statement must be no longer than 800 words.
- **Additional information:** Please do NOT include the applicant's name, a cover sheet, or any supplementary documents (e.g., CVs or certificates).

3 Content

Your personal statement should be divided into the following parts.

(1) Motivation for applying

Please describe your motivation for applying. Consider the following questions:

- Why are you applying for the Laidlaw Scholars Leadership & Research Programme?
- Which of the program's objectives and values are particularly meaningful to you?

(2) Achievements and challenges overcome

Please describe your key achievements and experiences that have shaped your personal and academic development. Consider the following questions:

- What achievements and experiences have been most meaningful to your development?
- How have challenges, setbacks, or extracurricular activities (e.g., volunteering, student organizations, sports, or employment) contributed to your personal growth?

(3) Leadership ambitions

Please describe your leadership experiences and ambitions, and your understanding of responsible leadership. Consider the following questions:

- What leadership experiences or responsibilities have shaped your development so far?
- How would you like to develop your leadership skills through the Laidlaw Programme?
- What does responsible leadership mean to you?

(4) Career aspirations and personal development goals

Please describe your career aspirations, personal development goals, and how you hope to contribute to society as a global citizen. Consider the following questions:

- How would you like to develop personally and professionally, and what impact would you like to make through your future career?
- How do you hope to contribute to society as a global citizen?