

MSc in COASTAL AND MARINE ENVIRONMENTS: *Physical Processes, Policy and Practice*

Personal Statement Guidance

Your personal statement is an essential element of your application for the MSc in Coastal and Marine Environments Programme: *Physical Processes, Policy and Practice* at NUI Galway. Once completed, it should be uploaded to your application file via the NUI Galway application portal.

Your statement should address the following:

- 1. Your experience to date.** Provide details of your academic and professional work experience to date.
- 2. Your personal motivations and professional goals.** Provide details of your motivations to pursue the MSc, and how the MSc will successfully prepare you for pursuing your personal and professional goals.
- 3. Your proposed area of dissertation research.** The MSc requires a dissertation as a graduation requirement, and students are highly encouraged to arrive to NUI Galway having identified an area of independent research they wish to undertake through their dissertation under the supervision of an MSc faculty member. Applicants should seek to match their interests to MSc faculty expertise, and are encouraged to contact members to further refine this proposed work in developing their personal statement.

Use this section to introduce your interests and motivations for this research. *Please note that this is not a commitment to the proposed area*, and your research focus can be further shaped or changed as interests develop during the year.

MSc faculty profiles can be [found here](#) under 'Who Teaches This Course'.

- 4. Other information.** Feel free to include additional information on your qualities not covered above.

Additional Supporting Documentation

For your application to the MSc to be considered complete, you will be asked to separately upload:

- Your personal statement (2 pages max.)
- Your CV (2 pages max.)
- Proof of Identification
- Copies of University Transcripts
- Names, Affiliation, and Contact Information of Two Professional References

If you are presently enrolled in university, you may submit current transcripts. As a condition of acceptance, final transcripts documenting your successful completion of your degree programme will be required prior to enrolment.

References should positively comment on your potential as a postgraduate student in our taught MSc programme. You may upload reference letters, however this is not required. We will contact your references directly.

For further information on the MSc in Coastal and Marine Environments, please contact:

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