



## MSc Clinical Neuroscience

### Guidelines for Personal Statement (as part of PAC application process)

Submission of a 'Personal Statement of motivation' is an essential element of an application to the MSc programme. This is your opportunity to highlight your personal goals and strengths and provide evidence of your level of preparedness for entry to the Masters programme.

Your statement should be a maximum of 500 words in length and address the following:

1. Motivation and expectations: why you wish to pursue a Masters in Clinical Neuroscience.
2. The theme for your proposed research: this is a provisional expression of intent. Here you should include the key issues/concerns/questions which inform your research interest.
3. The reason for your interest in this research area: here you could indicate your academic and personal experience to date which inform your research interest in this field.
4. What you hope to achieve: what do you anticipate as potential outcomes to your MSc learning and research?

You may wish to make contact with an academic member of staff whose area of expertise most closely relates to your own proposed area of research. Personal webpages for all staff members, outlining research interests and contact details can be found on the Galway Neuroscience website:

<http://ncbes.nuigalway.ie/research/galway-neuroscience-centre/>

the School of Psychology website: <http://www.nuigalway.ie/psychology>

and the Neuroimaging and Cognitive genomics Center website:

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/psychology/research/research-themes/brain-behaviour/nicog/>