**MSc Psychology / MSc Brain Imaging and Cognitive Neuroscience**

**Template for the Personal Statement**

Please respond to the following questions in your personal statement. The personal statement should be approximately 800-words **in total**. **Please note**: Failure to answer these questions will result in delays to processing the decision on your application.

**Section 1: Research Experience**

Briefly describe the research project you completed in the final year of your undergraduate degree. Include the following information:

1. What was the research area/question?
2. Which research method(s), tool(s), and method(s) of data collection did you use?
3. Which quantitative and/or qualitative analysis technique(s) did you use?
4. Who were the participants?
5. Was the project a group or an individual project?
6. What was your role in the project work (e.g., to develop the research idea, design the study, collect the data, analyse the data, write the report)?
7. Briefly describe any other projects you have worked on as a volunteer or paid research assistant.
8. Do you have any experience of programming? If Yes, briefly describe your experience.

**Section 2: Research Interests**

1. What are your research interests? Briefly describe how your research interests fit within the areas of research expertise in the School of Psychology, University of Birmingham.
2. What research methods and analysis techniques would you like to use or develop as a student on the MSc?
3. What are your future research/career plans? How will a place on the MSc help you to achieve your future research/career plans?
4. Please state the names of three academics within the School that, given the opportunity, you would like to work with.  **Please note: If you are offered a place on the MSc, we will contact you about identifying relevant, available supervisors before the course starts.  When allocating a supervisor, we will take your preferences into account, but there are a number of other factors we consider, so your supervisor may not be one of the academics you have listed.**

**Section 3: Other Experiences (maximum 200-words)**

Provide here details of voluntary work experience, other aspects of your CV, and/or other points of achievement