

La Trobe requires SOP to include details about:

- 1. Personal economic circumstances in the home country – this is extremely important:**
 - The student should detail family composition, the number of dependents (if any), family income, family employment details, assets (such as investments, property, vehicle etc.) and liabilities (mortgages, etc).
- 2. Study or work gaps longer than 6 months:**
 - The student should explain and attach documentary evidence to support the claims.
- 3. The reason for the student to choose La Trobe University**
 - An explanation of why the student has selected to study at La Trobe.
 - The student should include all courses that the student is intending to study at La Trobe University and La Trobe College Australia.
 - e.g. English – Diploma – Bachelor etc.
 - Include details about the curriculum of all courses being undertaken.
 - The student will need to list other Australian Universities that they have also applied to and what was the outcome of that application.
 - If no application to other Australian Universities, explain why not.
- 4. The reason for the student to choose study in Australia instead of the home country or usual country of residence**
 - Explain the value of the La Trobe course compared to a similar course in their home country
 - For any incomplete qualifications from the home country, explain why they are transferring to La Trobe and not finishing the current course
 - Provide a list of institutions in their home country they have either applied to or have conducted research on
 - Provide specific details on how they conducted their research (eg. web search, attending marketing events, meetings with institution staff etc)
- 5. Details of planned living arrangements in Australia**
 - Where they will live in Melbourne, eg. with relatives, homestay, Uni accommodation etc.
 - Include details of any partner/spouse, children, siblings, relatives, or friends who are in Australia, especially if they intend to reside with any of the above during their study at La Trobe.
- 6. The relevance of the course/s to the student's academic and/or employment background**
 - Explain how the intended course is related to any previous study or employment
 - If the intended course is unrelated to previous study or employment explain the reason for the change in career
 - If the course is lower or at the same level as previous qualifications (eg. have a bachelor and applying to study bachelor at La Trobe), explain the reason for undertaking a lower or same level qualification at a considerable financial cost
- 7. The relevance of the course/s to the student's future career and/or educational plans**
 - Provide information on the sort of employment they will be seeking on completion of their studies at La Trobe and in what country
 - Include information on all the research undertaken in respect of their future career after

completing the course/s, including:

- If the student will return to their current employer, what is the likely salary increase on completion of the intended course? Provide evidence of this increase, eg. current job advertisements etc.
 - List names of companies in their home country whom they have approached
 - Details of any other countries (including Australia if applicable) where they would consider applying for positions following graduation
 - Details of the type of position they would be eligible for upon graduation. Include evidence of email communication, research on the company's website or employment websites
 - Information on the salaries for each company researched. Include details for similar roles and include copies of website information, email communication etc.
- Students who are undertaking a study to establish a business on return will need to submit business plans and other evidentiary requirements to support this claim.

8. Plan to transfer money from their home country to Australia (If Lebanon or Iran)

- Due to sanctions or the foreign Government's restrictions, there are limits on the amount of money that citizens can transfer abroad. Explain what is the candidate's plan to ensure they have access to their funds during their time in Australia. Provide evidence of their claims.