



**FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**MOTIVATIONAL LETTER GUIDELINES: CATEGORY B2 AND B3 APPLICANTS WHO ARE REGISTERED FOR POSTGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES OR HAVE TERTIARY QUALIFICATIONS AND/OR WORK EXPERIENCE**

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Places will be reserved for persons with tertiary qualifications and/or work experience, and who are not enrolled for a further qualification at the time of application. Applicants who are registered for single modules at the tertiary level for non-degree purposes at the time of application may also be considered within this category.
- **Preference will be given to applicants who have already obtained a tertiary qualification (NQF level 7 and above) in the normal time with a weighted average of 60% or more and who have included a motivational letter with the application.**
- **MBChB (only)** - Only applicants who have already obtained a tertiary qualification (NQF level 7 and above) in the normal time with a weighted average of 70% or more and who have included a **motivational letter** with the application.

**MOTIVATIONAL LETTER REQUIREMENTS**

- The motivational letter is a personal statement in which you explain why you wish to study at Stellenbosch University and follow your programme of choice. It is also an opportunity for you to convince the faculty of your qualities.
  - In the letter, you should describe the experiences you have had - personal, professional, and educational - that motivated you to apply to Stellenbosch University with specific reference to your programme choice that makes you especially capable of facing the challenges of health care in South Africa.
  - You may include sections on your participation and achievements in sport, leadership, cultural and social impact/community interaction activities.
- The motivational letter should be attached to this cover page and written in English or Afrikaans, a maximum of 1500 words in Arial 12 font and 1.5 spacing.
- Only information submitted as part of your own motivation letter will be considered. No curriculum vitae, testimonials, quarterly reports, or any other documentation is required.

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

- For applicants applying in the category B3: Applications with tertiary qualifications and/or work experience, E-mail the Motivational Letter and cover page to [tygselections@sun.ac.za](mailto:tygselections@sun.ac.za) by **31 July 2026**. The subject heading should read: **FMHS Motivational Letter**, along with your **SU application number** starting with "APP/."
- For postgraduate students applying in the category B2: Registered SU students, email the Motivational Letter and cover page to [tygselections@sun.ac.za](mailto:tygselections@sun.ac.za) by **31 July 2026**. The subject heading should read: **FMHS Motivational Letter**, along with your **SU application number** starting with "APP/."
- B2 and B3 applicants may apply to three (3) FMHS undergraduate programmes. **Please write a separate motivation letter and complete a separate cover page for each programme.**

**PLEASE INDICATE WHICH PROGRAMME YOU ARE APPLYING FOR (tick ✓ the relevant box):**

<input type="checkbox"/> MBChB	<input type="checkbox"/> BSc in Dietetics	<input type="checkbox"/> B of Nursing
<input type="checkbox"/> B of Occupational Therapy	<input type="checkbox"/> BSc in Physiotherapy	<input type="checkbox"/> B of Speech-Language Therapy

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of birth (yyyy/mm/dd): \_\_\_\_\_ Application number (APP/XXXXXX): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact number: Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare that the information provided as part of this FMHS application for is true and complete. I acknowledge that Stellenbosch University may verify my information with third parties and/or other universities. I acknowledge that by providing false or incomplete information, it may result in my application being rejected or my registration being cancelled. I further acknowledge that if my application has been unsuccessful, no information in further substantiation shall be accepted afterwards. I understand that the decision of the selection panel is final, and no second appeal from me shall be considered for the same academic year.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_