PORTFOLIO FOR ADMISSIONS TO THE DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE
INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

The Admissions Portfolio consists of two parts:

1. Personal Statement (Compulsory)
2. Supporting Document (Optional)

Please submit your portfolio as a single PDF document, clearly labelled it as "Application number Portfolio", for example "550000000 Portfolio".

Part 1: Personal Statement

The statement should

- Not exceed 1,500 words
- Use single-spacing
- Use 12 pt Times New Roman font.

The statement should address the following requirements:

1. Tell us about yourself and why you want to pursue a career in dentistry.
2. Outline your experiences, especially extracurricular activities, that have prepared you for dental studies in Australia.
3. The Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) curriculum at the University of Sydney is designed to prepare dental students for ethical and professional practice. It is structured around 7 integrated themes: clinical sciences and skills; oral and systemic biosciences; evidence-based practice; prevention and health promotion; social and cultural oral health; leadership, communication and professionalisation; and interprofessional collaboration. Share your thoughts and perceptions of the curriculum features, drawing and reflecting on your personal experiences.

Assessment criteria

The personal statement will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Originality and authenticity
- Quality of written communication
- Genuine interest in dentistry and demonstrated commitment to the dental profession
- Personal attributes and experience necessary to thrive in the DMD program

Part 2: Supporting Document (Optional)

The supporting document should include:

- Shadowing or work experiences AND/OR
- AI Acknowledgement Statement

Applicants are encouraged to include details of shadowing or work experiences presented in a table, specifying the business or organisation (date and valid contact information), type of duty or experience, and duration.

Sample table:

Business/organisation • **Name and address** • **Email and telephone number of a contactable and suitable staff member**	**Date/s**	**Describe duties and/or types of experience**	**Number of hours**

Note about academic integrity

The University will audit the supporting document during the admissions process. As part of the audit, the suitable staff member(s) listed in the supporting document may be contacted to verify the accuracy of the information provided. Applicants should explain the Portfolio requirement and the audit process to the nominated staff member(s) to ensure they are sufficiently prepared. This will also help avoid unnecessary delays in the application and offer process.

The University has expectations of students about academic integrity and treats all academic dishonesty and plagiarism seriously. The University strongly encourages applicants to write their Personal Statements themselves. **Applicants are NOT encouraged to use generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)**. Should AI tools be used, applicants must acknowledge their use by providing an acknowledgement statement in the Part 2 Supporting Document, and referencing all sources. Applicants should keep records of how they used generative AI in the Personal Statement and submit copies of generative AI outputs as supporting documents.

Example of an AI acknowledgement:
I acknowledge the use of ChatGPT (https://chat.openai.com/) to refine the language of my statement. On <date> I submitted my personal statement (<link to original document here>) with the prompt to <"Improve the academic tone and accuracy of language, including grammatical structures, punctuation and vocabulary">. The output (<attached as supporting documents>) was then modified further to better represent my own tone and style of writing.