**Essay**

as part of an application to MARIHE programme (intake 2026)

Surname: *((please fill in))*

First Name: *((please fill in))*

Date of Birth: *((please fill in))*

Please write an essay (maximum 2 pages) on the topic:

**From your own experience: What would you change at your university?**

You may write from the perspective of a student or – if you have work experience in higher education – you may also write from the perspective of a lecturer/higher education manager. Please indicate from which perspective you are discussing the topic.

Type your text below (starting on the third page of this document) and **submit as application document No. 9** (in PDF format) with the rest of your electronic application documents.

The use of references is optional. If you use references, please enclose a list according to academic standards.

**Use of Artificial Intelligence**

The use of AI (artificial intelligence) has to be clearly declared! Otherwise, the application will be rejected due to formal reasons.

The Consortium has decided to allow the use of AI, but only insofar as this requires a critical awareness of how to use it in line with the universities’ educational missions.

**For your declaration, please fill in the following section(s) – mandatory!**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| With the submission of this Letter of Motivation, … | ***please tick (X) one option:*** |
| 1. I declare that I have not used any AI tools to write this letter. |  |
| 1. I declare that I have used AI tools to write this letter, as described below. |  |

In case of option 2 (declared use of AI tools), please fill in the following section:

* Name(s) of the AI tools used (for example: ChatGPT):
* Purpose of use and the part in which it was used (for example: drafting the structure of the letter:

I am aware that failing to declare the use of AI fully or partly may lead to a rejection of my application due to formal reasons.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature **by hand** (as in passport)

[your text]