**Personal Statement Template**

1. Personal Information

* Name:
* Personal/permanent email address:
* University:
* Current major:
* Current minor:
* GPA in major:
* Current education classification (1st year, 2nd year, ..):
* Expected graduation year:
* Gender (optional):
* Ethnicity (optional):
* List all extracurricular activities during your undergraduate education:
* List all academic awards and honors:
* Are you considering attending graduate school (unsure / very much so / considering / definitely not):
* Would you like to work in industry after you finish your undergraduate degree (unsure / very much so / considering / definitely not):
* Have you enrolled in/taken any graduate level courses?
* Are you the first person in your family to attend college?
* Do you have an immediate family member involved in research?
* Do you have other family members involved in research?
* Do you know adults (other than faculty at your college/university) who are involved in research?
* Do you have friends who are involved in research?

1. Answer to the following questions about your research:

* How did you start data science research, and how did you join the presented research project in particular?
* Did you have difficulties in your pursuit of data science research and how did you overcome these?
* What excites you about your research area that would drive you to continue working on those problems after graduation?
* What is your expectation from participating in the KDD Undergraduate Consortium and receiving mentorship?

1. Discuss your specific role and contributions in the data science project presented in your submitted research abstract.

* Write a short summary (2-3 sentences) describing the data science project presented in the submitted research abstract in a way that can be understood by a broad audience within data science.
* Discuss whether project work was done as part of a team (not including your advisor) and/or independently.
* Discuss your specific contributions to the submitted research project, including:
  + Did you design or implement algorithms?
  + Did you design or implement the evaluation protocol?
  + Did you contribute to the analysis of results?
  + Did you contribute any other specific ideas of the project?