How to Write a Winning Statement of Purpose

The Statement of Purpose (often called "letter of intent/ Statement of intent" or "application essay/personal essay" or "graduate statement/ Research statement") is one of the most important components of your application process. A statement of purpose (a brief statement of the applicant's purpose of study) introduces your interests and experience to the admissions committee. Admission SOP could also be referred to as a motivation letter. It's basically just a fancier way of saying the same thing. Writing an SOP for Canadian Universities requires you to provide detailed information on all your past experiences while highlighting the bits that are in line with the course that you are applying to.

Statement of Purpose provides the admissions committee with information that allows them to become more acquainted with who you are; what you want to study at graduate school and why; your aptitude and motivation for graduate study in your area of specialization, including your preparation for this field of study, your academic plans or research interests in your chosen area of study, and your future career goals. It really is your only chance to present some personal insights and life beyond the dry numbers provided by your transcripts and other such documents.

In some schools, they tend to distinguish between personal statement and statement of purpose. If they do so, they will let you know what is required in each one. In a broad context, statement of purpose is a written statement where you "market" yourself. I said market yourself because the people that are taking these admission decisions have not seen you or known you before so the extent to which your statement of purpose is convincing goes a long way in telling them that you are worth investing upon because the funding they are giving you is a form of investment and when you invest in something, you hope to get good result. So your statement of purpose is used to predict whether you will be able to meet up with the requirements of the program. By requirement in this context, I mean that whether you will be able to carry out all your assigned duties **(Classes, Teaching or Research Assistantship) without any problem.**

What is the general format?

The general format is similar to any other piece of academic writing. You should use:

- 12 point Times New Roman or Verdana font
- 1-inch margins on all sides
- 1.5 line spacing
- Follow same tenses throughout

This format will make your writing easier to read. It is also the expected format. Sadly, you probably won't get bonus points for standing out with your general visual formatting. It is going to benefit you much more to focus on wowing your reader with your actual content.

Do I need to put my name on my statement of purpose?

You don't need to put your name on your SOP. The reason is that your statement is a part of your larger application which already has your name throughout it. However, it is important to look at the specific requirements for the program you're applying to. If the requirements for your program say that you should include your name, then you should follow those directions.

How long is a statement of purpose supposed to be?

A statement of purpose should really be one-page. You could write up to two pages if needed, but nothing longer than this. The reason is that you need to be economical with your writing. Admissions officers read dozens of applications a day so you are going to need to be able to concisely and clearly state what you want to say. Writing longer than $1 - 2$ pages will make you seem like you lack focus and clarity in your purpose for school.

Statement of Purpose Format – What do I write?

It can be hard to know what to include in each section of your writing. The following statement of purpose format is a simple five paragraph essay that will help you address all the point's admissions officers expect you to cover.

Who are you and what do you want to do? – 1st paragraph

In the first paragraph, you should introduce yourself by briefly giving your background and stating your current career goal or objective. Your introduction should be relevant to the specific program you're applying to. Talking about your love of cooking when you're applying to medical school won't really help you by itself. Any information you include in your introduction needs to be relatable back to specific aspects of the program. It will determine whether the admission committee will read through the whole statement or they will just drop the application.

For example, consider this statement from the description of the **Health Sciences and Technology (HST) program,** "HST students learn to carry their engineering and scientific expertise from the laboratory bench to the patient's bedside and to bring clinical insights from the bedside to the bench." If you were applying to this program, you'd probably want to include some background you have with scientific research or bedside interactions with patients. Your career goal or objective should also clearly show that this is the kind of work you want to do.

Research the program you are applying to thoroughly and make sure that what you write about directly relates to the specific details included in the program description.

Why do you want to do it? – 2nd paragraph

The second paragraph, should explain how you came to be interested in your specific area of study. Now that you've made it clear that you have a background and goal related to the program, explain your interest in it. Your statement of purpose tells admissions officers why you're applying, and fast!

Don't give really general reasons like, "I like helping people." General reasons don't help admissions officers understand you as an individual. This is because so many people give these reasons. You probably do like helping people and that's great, now look deeper. Why do you like helping people? How do did you come to like helping people? Why do you want to learn in this specific program to help people? The more completely you understand your reasons, the better you'll be able to convince admissions officers you're the right choice.

Why are you the right candidate for the program? – 3rd and 4th paragraphs

After this, in the third paragraph, briefly describe any experience you may already have in your area of study. Think of any jobs, internships, and projects and so on that you have done. It can be difficult for some people to think of any applicable experience they may have. If this is you, try talking to some friends or family that knows you well. They may be able to help you think of some relevant experience.

Look back to the background and career goal from the first paragraph. This should be your point of reference when talking about your experience. Using the school's program description as a guide, talk about any related experience you have. The more direct the experience the better. If you don't have direct experience, choose the most closely related experience as possible. Be sure to reference how your experience relates to the program. This will show that you have a clear understanding of what the program is and how you fit into it.

You can also link your research interest in your undergraduate project with your interested research area for your graduate studies. Your area of research interest must be in line with the area of research interest of the faculty members (Professors or Lecturers) in the department of program you are applying to. Trying to come up with new area of research does not impress admission committee here in Canada; it only disqualifies you because they will tell you they do not have an advisor (supervisor) for you. As a result, I suggest that before you apply to any department or write any statement of purpose, you should go through the profiles of the lecturers of the departments you wish to apply and fashion your statement of purpose or your research interest along the current area of research interest of the lecturers in that department.

Next up is the fourth paragraph where you can describe any other experiences you've had that helped you decide on your specific area of study or has helped you prepare for graduate studies in general. If there is any other information you really think the admissions officer should know about you, include it here. The paragraph can be focused on your leadership, extra-curricular and other qualities you think could further make you more competitive for the program (like the conferences and symposiums you have attended which are in line with program you are applying to. You should also include the papers you have published in case you have published any).

This is another chance to stand out and be unique, but it still needs to be tightly focused on explaining why you are the best person for the program.

What do you want to do in the future? – Closing paragraph

In the final closing paragraph you should very briefly describe your long-term career goals. Be very clear and specific when you write this. Also, notice how this is a bit different than the current goal from the first paragraph. In the first paragraph you talk about what you want to do right now, in other words the next goal you want to achieve. The closing paragraph discusses where you want to be years from now. For example, your next step may be to become a manager in your field, but your long-term goal may be to be a director or CEO or whatever the applicable title for your field is.

Up until this point, you've talked about the past and present. These are important for showing how you fit the program right now. From the admissions perspective, they want to select students that have a long-term vision related to the program. The reason is that it shows you clearly see yourself as using what you'll learn to truly grow and contribute to your field of study. Why would an admissions officer want to admit a student that doesn't have a clear vision of how they want to grow their field? It doesn't make sense for them to choose a student that does not have a clear long-term goal over a student that does.

How to use this format effectively

Now that you have a basic idea of the statement of purpose format, the next thing to do is to get started. If you're ready, you can get started writing immediately. If you're not quite sure what this format looks like in action, you should read some sample essays.

While you read the sample essays, try to notice how the writer either followed or diverged from the above format. Evaluate whether or not you think the writer was clear in their statement of purpose and what you might do differently when you write your own. Make sure to take notes while you read and use them as a reference.

Remember, you want to be able to show admissions officers that you are clearly focused on your purpose for going to graduate school. This process will help you truly take control over how you convey yourself in your writing.

Tips on Writing an Impressive Statement of Purpose:

As we mentioned above, it is critical that you answer all the questions expected in a Statement of Purpose. While graduate programs almost always provide specific prompts and instructions on their university/program website, the list below gives much more in-depth questions that you can answer to ensure impressing the school admissions faculty at your program.

Tip 1: Consider Your Future Goals

Most statements of purpose will require you to introduce your future goals (academic, professional, or both) and describe how this particular program will help you achieve these goals. Therefore, it's important that you **clearly lay out in your essay the ambitions you have, and explain how these relate to the field you want to enter *and* the program to which you're applying.** Think deeply about what you hope this grad program will do for you, academically and/or professionally.

Make sure that you also explain why this program in particular will help you. Perhaps you enjoy the grad program's emphasis on internships and believe these will let you more easily enter the professional world upon graduation, for example.

Research the Program and Its Professors

You likely already did some research on the program—why else would you be applying?—but it's important to dig even deeper so you can **write about specific aspects of the program that interest you.**

Here are some examples of features you could write about:

- Certain classes you hope to take
- Internships, networking events, and/or other professionally oriented events offered by the program or school
- The program's emphasis on a certain topic, idea, or skill
- Any other attributes of the program, such as its small class sizes, its emphasis on group projects, its contests or competitions in your field, etc.
- You shouldn't mention Professors with whom you wish to work should the person don't have funding or not available at that particular time to take new student so you could be paired with another professor/lecturer

Note that **it's best NOT to mention these things in your essay:**

- The program's selectivity or acceptance rate
- The program's ranking

The best way to begin research on your program is to simply look at the program's official website. This should give you all the information you need on what the program requires, what it focuses on, what types of students it's geared toward, and so on.

Explain How You're a Good Match

Grad programs must make sure that the applicants they admit will be able to study what they want to research and will fit well with the program's overall focus and its faculty members' areas of expertise.

This point is especially important for those applying to doctoral programs, since you're most likely going to be working one-on-one with a specific faculty member on a major research project or dissertation.

Here are some things you can write about in your statement of purpose to highlight your "fit" with the program:

- A professor whose research areas and expertise align with your research interests, background, and/or skills
- The academic or professional focus of the program and how this matches your future goals (see Tip 1)

For example, maybe you hope to work with a professor whose research areas match the general topic you want to write about for your dissertation.

Tip 4: Emphasize Your Accomplishments

The statement of purpose isn't just for explaining your goals and fit but also for **talking about your (relevant) academic and professional accomplishments.**

You don't want to repeat what's already on your undergraduate transcript or CV/resume, so **try to be extremely specific** here about what you've done and how this achievement has influenced your decision to get a graduate degree in this field.

Tip 5: Use Specific Details

In any essay you write, it's important to be as specific as possible. It's critical that you **include the names of people and places, as well as vivid descriptions of people, ideas, events, and emotions.** Doing this will make your essay not only more realistic but also more relatable to the admissions committee.

Moreover, **try to touch on specific aspects of the grad program, including your research interests and what drew you to this field of study.** Don't just write, "I developed an

interest in psychology after taking an introductory psychology class in college." Tell us who taught the class, the topics you studied that were most fascinating to you, and why you initially decided to enroll in this class.

<mark>Tip 6:</mark> Be Authentic

Make an effort to write in your real, honest voice. Don't feel the need to grab a thesaurus to look up difficult vocab words to include in your essay—the admissions committee will be able to tell you're just trying to sound smart!

Ultimately, you want to **write in a sophisticated yet natural-sounding voice that shows off your personality while also highlighting your intelligence and maturity.**

<mark>Tip 7:</mark> Do not Stress

If you find that you are still having difficulties completing your Statement of Purpose, do not stress. Take a few days and put this task aside. You will find that other activities will jog your mind and creativity, providing you with ideas and content to incorporate into your paper.

A Statement of Purpose as other admission essays' requires time and thoughtfulness. You want to sell yourself to the committee and in order to do that you need to put your best foot forward. Be honest. Most importantly, be yourself. Keep working on the statement of purpose, even after you have already sent it to school(s) with earlier deadline(s).

<mark>Tip 8:</mark> Ask for Critique, Revise and Edit

- When you are finished with your draft statement of purpose, read it out loud to yourself and make corrections.
- Look it over for any typos; errors in grammar, spelling, or punctuation; and awkward or irrelevant areas. After you've done your own edit
- Ask friends, colleagues and professors to read your edited draft. Taking their comments into consideration, revise and edit your draft.

Admission SOP SAMPLE

<u>Sample 1:</u>

(**Insert anecdote that inspired you to pursue the course of your choice**). Realizing this, I decided to take up ……………… for my undergraduate studies so that I can be a part of this change to make our society a better place to live in.

I did my schooling from School Name, City/State and gradually flourished as a versatile person. My temperament for my favorite subjects can be easily understood by looking at my score of XX% in that subject. Soon, I developed a flair for ……………. My interest has evolved into a determination to study the subject deeply and do some valuable research in the field. Therefore, my quest to attain knowledge landed me at Specialization to start my journey in the .... industry. I started my XXX studies right after high school as a student of XXX and completed it with Honors. I continued my studies and moved forward with XXX from the same university. (Insert further information about your academic background here).

Apart from academics, I was always involved in various extracurricular activities like ……………... Such participation taught me skills like teamwork, leadership, and social work.

After the completion of my studies, I decided to enter the corporate world. I passed the difficult written and personal interview rounds and was eventually selected as XXX. My invaluable academic knowledge helped me to successfully deliver all crucial assignment related to ……………. My performance soon gave my Manager the confidence and I was given the opportunity to lead the team and got promoted to ……………...

Having done rigorous groundwork in both theoretical and practical engineering, now I think I am in a position to peep into the realm of higher studies. My passion for the subject, XXX, its practical application and my current work experience based on XXX will help me in pursuing Master's with a better understanding and will lead to a promising career. Also, my work experience demands higher education for getting a higher technical level role, so a

Master's degree at this stage of my career will definitely help me to achieve key technical profiles and attractive pay packages.

Eventually, after my Master's, I would like to work as a XXX at a renowned organization like XXX. My long term goals are to work as a XXX or XXX at XXX company.

(**Insert university-specific information here. Reasons why you have chosen this particular university**) I wish to nourish myself at the prestigious University of XXX, Canada with your renowned faculty and research in the field of XXX. It is with this in mind that I am looking forward to a long and rewarding relationship with you.

Thank you for considering my candidature as a prospective graduate student.

Sample 2:

The reasons for my interest in your Master's program in Electrical and Computer Engineering are multiple. First and foremost, the branch in itself gives me immense scope to explore. Whenever I look at a gadget, two things strike my mind – what I like and dislike, and why? While the answer to this can be at surface level or profoundly in-depth, depending upon the precision required, I prefer the latter. Not only does it help me understand the system, but it also prepares me for further improving the technology.

Besides, I prefer this course as it is synchronized with my current work and interests. My undergraduate course gave me an opportunity to explore domains of Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Computer Architecture and Networking, Machine Learning and Control Systems. It gave me a multi-domain view and helped me understand the Algorithms, Processing Logics, Controllers, Data Storage System, Power delivery system and the analog and digital Interconnects between them. The interdisciplinary courses offered encouraged me to explore other connected domains like Optics and Fluid dynamics. Two years of work experience at the VLSI industry helped me to understand the architecture, protocol choices

and quantum physical limitations of processors in depth. It also taught me how to trigger scenarios to check if a system is performing the desired use case properly.

In my final year project, I used a dimensionality reduction technique to localize objects using sound, which worked well within a small controlled area. But scaling the project to a large area was not as straightforward, and I realized that both my questions of what and why are still mostly unanswered in many domains. I find that Machine learning can give me insight into the unexplored and potentially groundbreaking discoveries. But it needs data and supporting structure, and that is where the domain knowledge from the rest of the courses come into rescue. Once deciphered, the scope of utility is infinite. For example, sound can augment image in localization, especially in scenarios where the scope of imaging is limited, due to line of sight limitations and dimly lit environments. This can help in both disaster recovery drones and autonomous driving. Since localization and separation are intertwined, it can also help in improving speech recognition algorithms.

In addition, your university course provides deep inter-links with my most passionate hobby – audio. Following the lead of my final year project, I am currently experimenting on techniques to parametrize headphones and their drive systems. It has given me inputs across multiple parameters – sound synthesis, the sampling artifacts, filtering and interpolation techniques in DACs, the data transfer protocols, the different types of electrical and mechanical artifacts, and even unexplored areas of fluid dynamics, namely Navier-Stokes continuity equations. It has also helped me get better at coding as well since the tasks are intensive and I am exploring ways to get it as optimized as possible, including GPU acceleration.

Finally, the course relates to the opportunity I have at your campus. I am thrilled to see that the prospects of research opportunities in synchronization with my passion. I was able to find professors specializing in my area of interest. Of them is Professor Dr. Aaron D Lanterman. I find my research pursuits to align highly with his areas of expertise – target recognition, music synthesis, Image reconstruction, and Radar Systems.

I would do my best to learn and utilize all the information learned from the courses to create better innovations in the field of electrical and computer engineering. I believe that your

university is a place that would provide me such great opportunities and guide me to achieve my goal.

Sample 3:

In this statement of purpose sample, the applicant communicated clear focus and direction while remaining flexible in terms of academic pursuits and long-term career plans. The essay's technical nature is perfectly appropriate for application to a graduate program in the natural sciences.

While my undergraduate and Master's curriculum have provided exposure to a wide variety of environmental engineering topics, I have gained extensive knowledge in relatively few areas. I have, however, found an area in which my curiosity and my ability are suitably paired. As an M.S. student I have held a research assistantship position for the last year and a half, working both at the university and at a national laboratory. The strengths of the Civil (Environmental) Engineering Department at the university, as well as those of the group at the laboratory, lie in the investigation of the fate and transport of subsurface contaminants, along with general groundwater quality and flow characteristics, and it is also within these areas that my research interests reside.

[Here the applicant describes his specific research experience.]

Although my strengths are concentrated in these areas, my curiosity is by no means limited to these topics. I believe that I have a solid foundation, but through a program of graduate study and research I hope to develop expertise in these and other related areas. One such area of interest is the remediation of contaminated groundwater and contaminant plumes by incorporating microbial processes with in situ treatment techniques. I also find the interdisciplinary relationship between environmental engineering and ecology to be of great personal interest. One particular example is the growing trend toward identifying and controlling diffuse source contamination from areas of heavy agricultural activity. The processes involved in this contamination, as well as the resultant heavy down-gradient nutrient loadings, play an extensive role in the ecological development of receiving waters and need to be understood more comprehensively. The curriculum in the Environmental

Engineering Program, particularly through interactions involving the Studies in Physical & Chemical Hydrogeology program, provides an opportunity to expand my knowledge in these areas while pursuing my ambitions in the area of subterranean contaminant transport processes. Further, your graduate program would permit me to incorporate my areas of interest into an applied research project under the mentorship of the faculty in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Ultimately, I aim to gain a faculty position at a university and to continue my involvement in innovative research in the field while directly encouraging the development of aspiring engineers, both in the classroom and laboratory. In this manner I believe I can make a significant and purposeful contribution to the scientific community while gaining a great deal of personal satisfaction.

Sample 4:

This applicant immediately engaged the reader with a witty and almost conversational style, then transit gracefully into a Statement of Purpose.

You'd think I would have had my fill of Indiana winters. But, here I am, applying to go back, ready to dig my parka out of storage. It's not like I've been gone long enough to forget the cold, either. In some ways, I feel as if that permacloud is still hanging over me. I graduated this past May, and I think my toes just stopped tingling a couple of weeks ago. But I can deal with the winters. I can handle the Hoosiers. I don't mind if the football team loses even more games next year.

So, why come back to my alma mater? To be honest, I'll never fit the profile of the plaid-clad, legacy-bred alum that looks back on his/her undergrad experience as "da best four years of my life." I do, however, feel very grateful for the education. I majored in English and Communication, programs which complemented each other well. The time I spent in writing workshops was productive and rewarding. Also, the validation I received—the stories accepted for RE: VISIONS, the laughter and compliments at Juggler readings— inspired me to keep writing.

I feel that your program provides a nurturing and challenging environment. I aim to develop my talent, to take more risks, and to let my characters lead me, and I know I can work toward these goals in a graduate workshop setting with fewer distractions and a more committed community. I learned quite a bit from [faculty name]. He made me question certain decisions but resisted the temptation to lecture or exert too strong an influence. I regret that I didn't get to study with [faculty name]. I think we have similar styles and concerns, Catholicism for one. A survivor of seventeen years of Catholic school, I find a wealth of material in confessionals, virgin births, and splinters of the true cross. I know I can write funny stuff, but I want to focus my wit as pointedly as she does.

Mainly, I'm looking for two years to devote to the work. I expect to be inspired by other members of the writing community and to form closer working relationships with the faculty. I'm looking forward to criticism, camaraderie, and even the cold. It builds character, so they say.

Sample 5:

Entrepreneurship & Tourism – Major in Marketing

Ever since I was little my dream was to work in hospitality, especially hotels. I wasn't only interested in staying as a guest but I was fascinated by the hotel as a system and how it all works to provide the best possible service to guests. Therefore, I enrolled in a high school focused on tourism (hospitality and catering) that gave me plenty of general knowledge regarding tourism. Even though, at the beginning, I was mostly interested in hotels, after I finished high school, which was influenced also by work experiences in a tourist agency and my trips around Europe, that I became more interested in all aspects of tourism.

As soon as I left high school I was offered a summer job at the firm where I did my internship and was placed on the front desk as an additional receptionist in a campsite. Working as a receptionist in Croatia during the summer is quite challenging and I learned so much every day while I was working, improving myself daily. I've been working every

summer since I was 15 in various jobs that are tourism related and all I can say is that I want to work even more.

Even though it can be a tiring job and in Croatia it provides mostly seasonal employment there is nothing else I would do with so much energy and passion. When my higher education is concerned I decided to enrol for a bachelor in economics because I wanted to gain a general knowledge of finance and economics which would help me in proceeding with my career in tourism.

Now, on my third year at the Faculty of Economics, I have decided that it is time for me to return to tourism studies so I've started researching where to take my masters. My research brought me to MCI and ever since I've seen your programme and especially since I've visited your Open House days there is nothing I want more than to study at MCI.

With my motivation and passion for the tourism sector and the work experience that I have, I would definitely be a good student at the MCI. When the other part of the master's – Entrepreneurship – is concerned, I come from a family of entrepreneurs, my family owns a marketing agency whose clients are mostly from tourism sector so while growing up I gathered a lot of knowledge about marketing in tourism as well.

However, there is still a lot for me to learn and I think I can gain a lot of knowledge from your master's programme. Therefore, I am hoping you will take my application into consideration for your programme and give me the opportunity to study at your university.

Sample 6:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have read the information about the Bachelor in Computer Science & Engineering study programme with great interest on your website. Through this motivational letter, I would like to put forward my candidacy for enrolment in this course.

In May 2016, I have finished my high school diploma at the [University name] in Italy and received the Diploma from the [Institute name]. My diploma is mainly aimed at mathematics and the sciences. I have decided to take the most advanced courses in mathematics, chemistry and physics available in school in order to challenge myself and make sure that I will be as prepared as possible for your study programme. Even though I have been reluctant many times to follow this combination of courses, as it is regarded as having the largest workload, I have pushed through the past two years of school work and I have made it possible thanks to my passion, commitment and hard work in mathematics, chemistry and physics.

My interest in computer science began around three years ago when I first came into contact with computer coding in school while creating a small website. From there on, I was captivated. I started working on small projects of my own, creating other websites and a simple calculator. I have learned small pieces of codes from several languages through the Harvard lectures that are available online freely as well as through other. For me, working on computer code is my way of being creative, since I find it difficult to be creative in more common ways such as drawing. Every time I write a piece of computer code, I get the feeling I have created a piece of art and reading computer code, to me, feels like looking at a piece of art.

Furthermore, in June 2015, I have participated in an internship for a week at Scania Financial Services Italy, where I worked together with the IT manager. During this week, I worked on creating a database. This was the first time I ever encountered SQL programming language. During this week, I managed to learn basic SQL and create the database. This week of work experience was very useful as it enabled me to deepen my understanding of computer science. It was an excellent opportunity to gain work experience in my chosen field of computer science.

Even in school, I have tried to contribute as much as I can with the technical team, getting involved throughout several events, particularly the International Evening. After the first year, I was elected to be a team leader in charge of organizing the participants and technical manager who delegated tasks for the duration of the events. The most important thing I have learned from this is that it is very important to take initiative whilst working in a team, but also that, as a leader, you must not expect the rest of the team to do all the work on their own.

At home, I have also been very interested in computers. Around May last year, I build my second personal computer from scratch as well as one for my brother. I have also managed to assemble a server, which has been a very interesting experience as it gave me more insight into how a computer works and how the different processors and chipsets interact together to be able to function like a computer. Additionally, I have identified and overcome the technical difficulties associated with building a computer.

In regards to studying at [University2 name], I seek to combine all the knowledge I have gathered over the years and try to deepen my understanding of computer science and engineering. I have decided to go down this route which contains more software compared to hardware, because of my greater interest in software engineering combined with my ability to solve problems and the joy I take in doing so. I feel that this is my driving passion that will allow me to succeed during the years that I will be studying at the [University2 name].

I hope that I have been able to convince you of my excellent capabilities and my passionate motivation to start studying computer science and engineering at [University2 name]. I really look forward to your reply and to start studying at your University!

Kind Regards

Sample 7:

Dear sir or madam,

I am writing to apply for the Master's Programme in History and Oriental Studies at [university name 1]. I would like to express my appreciation to this program because it gives me the opportunity to obtain my Master's degree and achieve my goal. I have graduated from the faculty of Tourism and Hotels, [university name 2], Egypt.

Egypt has a lot of civilisations like Pharaonic, Roman, Greek, Coptic, Islamic and these civilisations made me very interested in ancient history and archaeology so I specialized in Tourist Guidance within the field of Ancient History and Archaeology. I checked the prerequisites for applying to the Master's program and I found that I meet almost all of it. During the four academic years I studied the history and archaeology of Roman Empire in Ancient Egypt, also the Greek, Pharaonic, Coptic and Islamic history and archaeology, and had a lot of training by [university name 2], the Supreme Council of Antiquities and different museums such as the Greco-Roman Museum and the National Museum in Alexandria. This gave me a deep background that supported my academic studies. Also, I studied the ancient Egyptian language (Hieroglyphics) and Literature besides the Roman and Coptic fine arts during the Ancient Egyptian History. My native language is Arabic, my first language is English and I studied French at the Faculty and had a course in Italian language at Dante Alighieri and I have a great intent to improve myself at anything that supports my studies and help me to have my Master's degree abroad.

I have been working more than two years since my graduation. I spent the first year as a tourist guide to provide assistance, information and cultural, historical and contemporary heritage interpretation to people on organised tours in different nationalities and got promoted to be a branch manager at the same agency. I am seeking a career with an international dimension that gives me an opportunity to work for an international organisation so that after graduation I decided with a great desire to complete my studies by having a Master's degree from an international university outside of Egypt. I preferred to have my Master from an Italian University because Italy is the main place of the Roman Empire so that having my Master from [university name 1] is something perfect because I will study the history inside its place of birth. It is not the first time that I hear about [university name 1]. I know about it since I was in the faculty because of the mobility system between [university name 2] and [university name 1] during that period, but I preferred to wait for a chance to have my Master's degree from [university name 1]. I will be very grateful and lucky if I got this chance that I was seeking two years ago and I am sure that studying in [university name 1] will give me a chance to deepen my knowledge in an inspiring, creative environment of one of the largest Italian universities.

I chose [university name 1] specifically because it is the oldest university in the Western world and it is a keystone and a point of reference for European culture. Also, because of its outstanding educational system with full support of the international students and the friendly atmosphere at both the university as well as the city. I appreciate your time and it will be a great honor for me to be a Master's student at [university name 1].

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