**Statement of Purpose**

I am going to start by stating way do I need to have a Master degree more than I want to.

I am a young Yemeni women living in Saudi Arabia (Non-citizen) in a small town called Al-Baha where teaching is considered the most secure career for a women. So I work as a lecturer at Al-Baha University, teaching the required course – Computer skills for three months now. My career life here is faced with many obstacles but it only makes me stronger and up to the challenge because that is who I am.

Upon graduation from Arab Open University in Jeddah I traveled to my home country - Yemen - planning on getting a master degree from Sana’a University. In order to do so I have to get my certificate approved by the ministry of higher education. Giving that I studied in an open learning system, the certificate could not be approved because open learning is not accredited in Yemen. So I worked there for a year in private sector as application developer in Motorola’s partner in Yemen. As an authorized developer for Motorola, The Company was starting a new project to build a tracking software application for Motorola’s two-way digital Radios, which is mainly built to serve the military police. In the process of designing and building the software I appreciated how time and performance are highly crucial in such systems. I strived to enrich my knowledge, develop and build upon my education to be up to the mission, this experience was the starting point on the path of learning how to build quality software.

Due to family reasons, after this year I returned to Saudi Arabia, and I thought that one year experience will get me a good job. During my search I noticed that most of the specialized IT companies in Jeddah only hire men, so during these months of searching for a job I was faced with many disappointments, but I never gave up. I started to work as freelance programmer; I promoted myself and got some good projects to work on. Freelancing is good but it doesn’t guarantee a fixed income. So I made sure to improve my skills and qualifications for the market place by taking two of Microsoft Professional exams and now I am in the road on taking another two.

My goal is to build a successful career in the Software Development field; I have been in the freelancing business for two years until now. And now and I want to find a developer job in a company where I can guarantee continuous development, new challenges and meet various expertise in the field and learn from them.

The companies here put a huge emphasis on academic qualification. With a Master of Management and Information Systems my chances of getting a job will be enhanced by 100%. I believe that graduate study in MIS will be the most logical extension of my academic pursuits and a major step towards achieving my objectives.