Personal Statement

After I did post-graduation from the university of Lahore. I had pretty much sure that I would remain in teaching field, because I was teaching at college level. I stated my MPhil with casual mind set. I was not intended to perform extraordinary in academics. I enrolled in a wide variety of courses in a wide variety of departments, and got good grades. I learned about language and general linguistics, Social values and human history (calculus and art history in term of language), language variation how pragmatically is used (Expression of language with abstract way), Theories of language and professional values (psychology and behavior) and much more. These classes taught me a lot about the world but the most valuable things I learned were about myself. I won’t leave you in suspense; no one class transformed my life. And what I have come to realize is that no class likely ever will. Instead I learned that I have a set of skills and passions that make a career in applied linguistics the right choice for me.

I learned that I enjoy the rigorous thinking of human values and language aspects but that the world is rarely so black and white. This influenced my decision to pursue linguistics study and its application. I love applied linguistics, and it’s all domains because it blends abstract theory with real world applications. For different law model I have studied, I have also learned how to apply this model for positive changes in the environment, hhuman psychology, developing countries, and domestic policy. Similarly, language requires a certain type of abstract thought while still being firmly rooted in reality. It is challenging, but knowledge and understanding of the law can be a valuable tool in facilitating positive change. My education has also taught me to look at problems from multiple perspectives, a skill I started developing in high school. A big part of my life in high school was competitive debating. I competed and ranked highly in numerous tournaments on the regional, provincial, national, and international levels. I twice represented cricket at the Provincial level as an Individual, as well as a Public Speaking and Debating Championship. These experiences taught me to see both sides of an issue, think critically, speak confidently, and to differentiate a strong argument from strong rhetoric. This year I am assisting several first-year university students in reviving my university’s competitive debating society.

My time in undergraduate schooling has also taught me that I love to learn. I currently hold a near-perfect GPA but this is not because of an innate intelligence or grade-fixation. I attribute my academic success far more to hard work and a love of learning. From what I have heard, law school can be a very difficult experience without these attributes. The last thing that I have learnt over the past four years is what gives me a sense of fulfillment. Every summer since 2014 I have taken out frequent trips in the hilly Areas in Pakistan, ranging in length from one night to four weeks. I find these trips inspiring and especially rewarding. I have led trips for inner-city youth, youth with type I diabetes, and at a camp for burn survivors. Some came from disadvantaged backgrounds and some were facing major challenges in their lives. Some were strong and fit and others really struggled with the daily routine of paddling, portaging, and cooking over a fire. For me the challenge was to make the trip a fulfilling experience for all of them, and accomplishing this challenge was what motivated me. There is no better feeling than finishing a long day, lying down in your tent and thinking wow, we really did a lot of good today. I want to get the same feeling from my career.

Deciding on a career has not been a straightforward process for me. But the self-knowledge I have gained over the last four years makes it clear to me that applied linguistics is the right choice. Economics has given me a deeper understanding of the world and my place in it, but understanding is not enough. I want to improve the linguistic understanding that directly affects people’s daily lives, specifically through work as language expert in our society.

This may sound naive. Many people have left university with this dream only to be knocked in the teeth by reality. And I am prepared for this. I may not be able to facilitate all the change I would like, but if I am able to lie down at the end of the day and say wow, we really did a lot of good today, I know that I will be satisfied. I believe that an education in linguistics is an extremely useful tool in making this dream happen.

I want to achieve the opportunity to get admission in your prestigious institution, it has an unparalleled reputation in terms of the quality of students, faculty, and education. Language students at U of T do not need to wait until expert to start having a positive impact on their community. They do so through various pragmatics and pro bono work on language studies. Their commitment to the local and global community makes this university my top choice among llanguage schools. Please consider me for admission.