

Sample SOP for Canada Student Visa

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Anirudh Kumar, an Indian student hereby furnishing my statement of purpose for student visa application Canada. My academic and professional backgrounds along with the reasons for selecting the course and future plans post completion of my studies are detailed in the document.

I completed my secondary education in 2005 from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Trivandrum and higher secondary education in 2007 from Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Kochi. Following that, I enrolled into Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam for the undergraduate program Bachelor of Arts and completed it with 90 percent of marks in 2011. Shortly after that, I took admission in ASK Institute of Hotel Management, Bangalore for a Diploma in International Hospitality Management and completed the program with high grades.

My most recent education in hospitality and tourism management and the work experience I had following that helped me realize the widening scope of the field in my country. After much discussion with my friends, family and career specialists, I have come to the conclusion of pursuing higher education in the field of hospitality and tourism from Canada, as the country hosts some of the best institutions in the world that offer my desired higher education program. I have zeroed in on Cornell University in Canada and have obtained admission for the course there. To accomplish my goal of studying in my desired institution, I am required to obtain a visa from the High Commission of Canada. It is to this purpose that I am producing the statement of purpose before you for your evaluation.

What has led me to doing higher education in Hospitality Management?

After completing my graduation, I had no clue as to which career path I should choose. My first professional stint was as a Duty manager in KR Food Court and Restaurant in Kochi. The designation only required graduation in any discipline. I worked there for four years. I strongly believe today that my tenure there was a turning point in my life. The duties I handled there exposed me to the broad nature of the hospitality industry and helped me understand the growing scope of it. I soon discovered what my career path should be and decided to work on my skills to improve my own potential to carve out a successful future in it.

After four consecutive years of working there, I resigned from my job to pursue bachelor's in Hospitality Management. The course lasted for a year with an additional 6 months of internship program in one of the prominent hotel chains in Kochi. Although I was offered full time job in the same company after the completion of my internship there, I decided to study further to be able to fully understand the field and be flexible with handling various roles in it. I have strong conviction about the great demand for a legitimately qualified hospitality management professional in India in future. India has one of the fastest growing economies in the world and its hospitality and tourism industry has seen steady growth over the last few decades. However, the country lacks qualified professionals who can help it grow to its full potential. My higher education will prepare me to take advantage of this possibility. Studying in an esteemed institution like Cornell University in Canada will not only help me learn new skills but also will endow me with a global perspective of the industry.

My expectations about the program

I have zeroed in on this particular course – Masters in Hospitality Management and Tourism, after several days of research and discussions with my friends, teachers and career experts. The course is designed to prepare the candidate for the profession and as such it is capable of instilling in the students the required qualities and skills in areas like management and leadership. These are essential for someone to be successful in an evolving industry like hospitality and tourism. Besides learning new skills, I expect and am certain that the program will give me ample opportunities to practice and hone my already acquired skills from my previous professional formation and career.

Following the completion of my higher studies in Canada, I will return to India to find the right job opportunity here. Considering the amount of investments made in the tourism and hospitality management sector in India, I have no different opinion about the great amount of job opportunities the land will begin to offer in a few years' time. India already hosts many of the internationally recognized players in the industry.

What prompted me to zero in on Cornell University for my higher study?

When the first thought of obtaining higher education from abroad struck me, I had one insistence – to do it from an internationally reputed institution where students are not just taught skills and theoretical knowledge but given real practical exposure in a multicultural atmosphere. Going through the official website of the university and a few reviews by former students who passed out from the university accorded the same. Moreover, the university boasts of having world-class infrastructure, friendly and veteran faculties and modern curriculum. Cornell offers the best atmosphere for an ardent student to develop his skills and come out as a legitimate professional. I could also learn from my research that the university has tie-ups with a few well reputed tourism industries in the neighbourhood. For a student who has always been interested in application-based learning and skill acquisition, this would benefit a lot.

About my family

I hail from a small family in the state of Kerala, India. My father is a teacher and mother is a homemaker. I have two younger siblings – a brother and a sister. Brother is pursuing graduation in commerce and sister is studying in higher secondary.

About Sponsorship

The expenditure for my higher education in Canada will be partly financed by my family and partly through a loan from a nationalized bank in India.

Conclusion

I have done enough research and discussions with friends and experts before taking the decision for higher study in Canada. I am convinced that the program will prepare me for pursuing a successful career in the field of hospitality and tourism in India.

The further procedures for the completion of my application and securing admission require obtaining a student visa for Canada. I am looking forward to that. I request you to peruse my application for visa to your satisfaction and consider it for approval.

Yours sincerely
Anirudh Kumar