Growing up in Bangladesh, a developing country where the less fortunate find little solace as they wander from place to place. A degree in Architecture will prove invaluable in helping me to give back to the country I love. Millions of people are affected each year by flooding, cyclones and earthquakes and there are areas of Bangladesh that are in a constant state of renewal due to its propensity for natural disasters and a failure to build adequate shelters to withstand even the slightest of problems. Studying Architecture will allow me to work to rebuild with those who have lost and suffered. Not only rebuild, but to improve what they had before in the hope that they won’t face the same situations repeatedly.

In the 8th grade, I became fascinated by the uniqueness of Art as an IGCSE subject; both art and design work cohesively to make a structure come to life. My interest in arts and design at IGCSE level prompted me to study it further at A-level, but unfortunately, it was introduced to our school and an option too late for me to take it up. Thus mathematics, Chemistry and physics were my academic subjects.

Not doing Art at A-level is just another challenge that I must overcome to fulfil my dream of being an architect. But I will become one as I possess the upmost commitment towards achieving this prized goal. This commitment is the best quality that I have in my possession. This course has many demands; however, I know that I have the determination and courage to overcome any difficulties and be a success in this field.

My full cost of this program is $AU 88,500. I am fully aware of my full cost of living and travel cost during my stay in Australia. In addition to that, I have purchased Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) and have obtained my Certificate of Insurance which is my proof of purchase.

I have chosen to study in Griffith University as it offers quality education, guidance and support. South East Queensland’s beautiful climate and iconic landmarks, along with their reputation and world-class rankings, are just of the many reasons I have chosen Griffith.

The reason to choose Australia over other countries is that despite being a very popular destination to study; it is still one of the most peaceful countries in the world. The living expenses are comparatively lower, there are scholarships available and the degrees are globally recognized and accepted. In Bangladesh there is very much a culture whereby sitting down and memorizing textbooks is deemed to be the only way of achieving something in life. But is academic study really the only way to develop oneself? Keeping these in consideration and by comparing the quality of education between both countries, Australia is miles ahead.

Becoming an architect is not something that people should take lightly. Those around me have helped me to understand that it requires full commitment and dedication. With this in mind I sought to reaffirm my commitment by undertaking work experience after A-Levels in a reputed school of Sylhet, Anandaniketan. I gained valuable experience managing a class of 32; the patience while working with the kids has introduced a better version of myself.

It is my parents who bought out the creative side in me, teaching me music and encouraging me specialize in art since grade 3. All the credit for me getting numerous awards and certificates at various art competitions goes to them due to their constant support throughout.

By profession, my father is a Businessman and my mother is a Home-maker; I being the eldest among the siblings and two younger brothers make a family of five.

After graduating, I intend to work with some major architecture firms in the country to rebuild the distorted dreams of my people. It is not hard to spot the widespread socio-economic degradation. If one has spent a lifetime witnessing such problems, how can one not want to do something to help?

I declare that I have written this statement of purpose myself and have not had assistance writing this. I declare that I am a genuine student and a genuine temporary entrant in Australia. I also declare that I have sufficient funds to cover the cost of my tuition fees and living expenses for the duration of my studies.

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