**STATEMENT OF PERSONAL HISTORY**

**The Personal History Statement is your opportunity to discuss how your personal background informs your decision to pursue a graduate degree. Please include any educational, familial, cultural, economic, or social experiences, challenges, or opportunities relevant to your academic journey; how you might contribute to social or cultural diversity within your chosen field; and/or how you might serve educationally underrepresented segments of society with your degree. This must be either entered directly into the application or uploaded.**

Though hailing from a middle-class family, I was blessed with best-supporting parents from whom I imbibed the values of hard work and the need to know “who I am” and “what I want to become”. It was through challenges that I discovered my real ambitions. The memory would take me back tommyywhen I had to change my school and was very uncomfortable in the new situation. Loneliness made me envisionmy future innovations beyond the class curriculum. At that point in time, I thought of the concept which wasconsidered rather strange thenas I visualized creating a device which would use a camera to recognize an object from its snap. My fantasy and idea turned out to be true when I saw Google inventinga product which resembled my concepts. Though I had no proper training thenI still fostered the desire to invent new concepts. These opportunities were realized when I joined SKSJTI to complete my undergraduate course in Electronics and Communication Engineering. I was always among the top 1% of students in the class and developed many innovative ideas such as an Image Detection and Alerting System and Geofence Creation for Child Monitoring.

Besides academics, under my captaincy, the college ChessTeamwas placed in the 12thposition among 80 other participating colleges. Moreover, as the Forum Representative, I actively participated in departmental activitiesand proposed the idea of games, which would attract the participants from the other colleges and initiated‘DepartmentalProgress Award’ which became a means of raising revenue for the department. Through these measures, I improved the financial position of the forum by resolving its monetary constraints. As a member of the NGOnamedCUPA, Imarked my presence by taking care of the animals. I personally took care of abandoned street dogs, spent time with them, fed them, and cleaned them daily. It was a very satisfying moment when I was loved back by these pets.

Moreover, I am currently a part of PRAKRITHI, an organization that takes care of the environment and society. Here, I am involved in cleaning roads and ensuring that greeneries are not lost from our society. It is an enchanting journey to revive the greeneries all around and this experience is fulfilling. Hence, if selected by the admin committee at your esteemed university, I would like to join the UCR Botanic Gardens. I also look forward to being involved in Horticulture and events such as Garden Market and Plant Sale, Art in the Gardens, Primavera, Twilight Tours, and Bird Walks. Hence, following the legacy of your institution, I would like to become a friend and help in bringing a change. I also want to start my own camp and take care of the sick or abandoned animals.

Having made my goals and aspirations lucid, I hope you appreciate that a graduate study at your university will be the most logical extension of my desired long-term pursuits.

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