Daniel Jinguji  
MATESOL application  
Statement of Purpose

Most of my professional life has been spent as an educator: first in industry, at Boeing and Microsoft, and more recently in academia, primarily at North Seattle Community College. Moreover, a good deal of my volunteering has also been within the general realm of teaching, both in religious education and English as a Second Language / US Naturalization preparation.

As a state employee, I have taken advantage of the tuition-exemption program to pursue a long-standing interest of mine, Linguistics. I have found that I am an amateur linguist in the classic sense of the term, a lover of the field, but without the drive or desire to make it my profession. My studies in linguistics have opened my eyes to the on-going research in the area of language acquisition. And while I have been able to function reasonably well as an ESL teacher, I realize that more systematic examination of the field will enhance my performance in this area. Also, it dovetails very nicely with my personal leanings in linguistic inquiry, more toward applied linguistics, the application of the science in everyday life, rather than the pursuit for linguistic truth as an end unto itself.

In this light, the MATESOL program at UW seems to be a natural next step in my personal and professional development. I am excited by the possibilities that it offers, and I believe I can contribute to the learning experience of the other students in the program, as well grow personally and professionally through my participation in this program.

Thank you for the attention to this application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information that may help you in coming to a decision.

Respectfully yours,  
  
  
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