To

Visa Officer,

Canada High Commission,

**Statement of Purpose for Master of Applied Computing**

Respected Sir/Madam,

I was born in 1984 and married in 2014, my father was a mathematics teacher and my mother a housewife. My wife is a cakemaker and a housewife, we have two little children, a five-year-old daughter, and a two-year-old son. My little new family is a Christian and vegetarian family.

I was graduated from Wuhan University of Science and Technology in 2006 with bachelor’s degree in the department of Computer Science and Technology, then began my enjoyable and fruitful adventure in the software development industry.

Till now, I have been working as a software developer for more than fourteen years under a range of titles from junior software engineer to software designer specialist, for a couple of employers. During the past seven years, I was loyal and devoted to my present company Micro Focus.

Why Master of Applied Computing at the University of Windsor?

I had ever been satisfied with my career as of decent salary and work-life balance, and content with my professionalism as I was a self-learner continuously updating my skillset with needed knowledge and emerging technologies, until 2016 when an astounding event took place in technology field – AlphaGo a computer program leveraging artificial intelligence beat a Go world champion Lee Sedol, I was impressed and got fascinated by the magic and beauty of the novel technology, and realized it was the future of computer science and determined to master it. In the past two years, I spent large proportion of my leisure time learning it comprehensively from various textbooks like *A quest of Artificial Intelligence* *and Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach (edition III)*, and from series of YouTube videos like *Practical Machine Learning Tutorial with Python*, etc. whereas it’s insufficient, in order to succeed as an AI engineer I need to learn intensively and systematically to build a solid full stack of AI techniques to be able to solve real-world problem, so a master program in AI presumably is a great boost to my endeavor.

I scrutinized several options when chose universities and programs, finally selected Master of Applied Computing at the University of Windsor as it offers a wide range of AI courses like *AI Introduction*, *Machine Learning and Optimization, Machine Learning/Pattern Recognition*, and *Deep Learning for Vision and NLP*, et cetera, furthermore, there are many eminent professors in the faculty of computer science who are either reputed or have had marvelous achievement in the realm, for example Dr. Dan Wu who is famous in the field of Knowledge Representation, and professor Robin Gras who has innovated and built the first ecosystem-simulation model. I believe my dream would become true with such a fantastic program.

Why Canada?

Canada was the first and only one came to my mind when I was choosing a country for my master’s degree because of two reasons. The education system of Canada is brilliant and outstanding and ranked as best among all. In addition to that, Canada is a safe and peaceful nation with friendly and nice people which is harmony with my conservative and compassionate personality.

Future Goals

On the completion of my master in Canada, I intend to come back for reunion with my beloved family in my home country where there is considerable opportunity for my new skills, as the IT industry continues to thrive but with a terrible lack of AI talents, thinking back to 2019, when Micro Focus needed to hire an AI engineer to assist driving our Functional Testing tool towards AI direction, it took months searching various recruiting medias in China and ended up with nothing but a hire from Israel. I am optimistic with the substantial AI skillset built from the program I could find a splendid position in one of my dreaming enterprises in China. My long-term goal is to be a computer science professor teaching AI courses in my mother university or in prominent Fudan University.

Funding

I have paid 24,013.25 CAD in my tuition fees and deposited 10,100 CAD in Royal Bank of Canada for Student GIC Program to cover my first year living expenses. In my tuition account statement document, it displays Balance $-13610.31 because first term tuition has been deducted from the total payment.

Dear Sir/Madam, I hope that you will find all my documents logically clear and in proper order. I am thankful to you for your valuable time processing my student visa application.

Sincerely,  
Wen Dong