Diversity Statement

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As an international student in the US, I learnt quickly in my first time in the country that dealing with a foreign culture presents challenges for work and life. But Harvard is a very welcoming community for people from diverse backgrounds and my adaptation went smoothly. This made me feel stronger for the challenges faces by the historically underrepresented populations and the importance inclusionary policies.

During my PhD at Harvard, I ran extra TF sessions with a student from Tanzania who had difficulties catching up in the econometrics class. With one-on-one teaching, I was able to tailor the speed and communication to his specific needs, which increased his attention and motivation, while providing a non-judgmental environment.

As a professor, I am interested in working with Cross Cultural Center initiatives on planning events for members of historically underrepresented groups. I am also attracted to the idea of working with middle schools with large underprivileged populations to use technology and promote social science careers.