STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

“A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES MUST BEGIN WITH A SINGLE STEP’’

Project Management simply means how projects are initiated, planned, executed and carefully controlled in other to achieve its specific goals set. It can also be said as the driving force of any organization, whereby an organization fails to plan then they plan to fail.

I studied Economics as an undergraduate in Bingham University Abuja Nigeria, which I graduated with a Second Class lower degree. I choose to study Project Management as a post-graduate degree program because of the inter-relationship Economics as a field of study could help in decision-making, scale of preference, and the ability to forecast ahead of time in regards to future occurrences when running a business. Project Management as a field of study provides open doors to creativity and thoughtful minds, which is a vital part while planning a project. No one goes into a project whereby its cost expenditure is relatively higher than its benefit realized.

Project Managers sometimes are faced with making rash decisions which most times won’t favour the organization or company at its current stage leading to additional cost which was originally not budgeted during the course of making the plan. What fascinates me in Project Management involves group of people with different ideas and opinions working together collectively to produce a unique idea. My desire to study Project Management after my undergraduate programme started far back in my Management class as an undergraduate when I was paired to a group where we were asked to collectively come up with a business plan, and also how to ensure its day to day business operation starting with a feasibility study, where we designed a business plan and also given the opportunity to present the plan to the entire class which we scored an A. Ever since my reaction towards public speaking changed for the good and I became confident and bold.

After my undergraduate studies I was opportune to assist my uncle in drafting out necessary cost expenditure and market survey required in renovating a 4 bedroom duplex and two boy’s quarters. With the knowledge gained back in my undergraduate level and also having completed a mandatory internship programme known as National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) which I worked in an organization called Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) in Project Management department which lasted for nine months really helped in my market survey, decision making, and price control. Embarking on this project in the field gave me an opportunity to practicalize what I learnt at the course of my internship programme.

I believe studying Project Management in Fanshawe college couple with my desire, zeal, dedication and determination would help me improve a lot as a result of the available Facilities provided in the college and also give me much better field experience which would help in making cost efficient decision-making resulting to benefit maximization. Hopefully when I become a certified Project Manager with my degree and skills I would come back to my home country.

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