

Personal Statement

As a first-generation college student, I grew up with parents who never even considered the option of studying abroad. Nevertheless, as my interest in research grew, the urge to seek better opportunities and an environment that advocates diversity has driven and reinforced my resolution. While working as a research assistant in Canada, I closely interacted with faculty members and participated in academic conferences on our areas of interest. I enjoyed the relaxed and dynamic atmosphere, which allowed me to explore interdisciplinary areas, even unfamiliar ones, such as natural language processing, digital integrated circuit design, and wireless communication encryption algorithms. In contrast to my undergraduate school, there were more opportunities to communicate with professors and to conduct research freely, rather than being restricted to a specific topic and losing a perspective of the whole picture.

Moreover, my supervisor told me that diversity is also essential in research. Our scientific study benefits more than simply the bulk of the population; it also helps minority groups. An open research system should guarantee that it fulfills the diverse demands of all societal groups. Following that, I began to pay attention to the people and things around me. People of various races were on the streets of Canada, and the voices surrounding me included Cantonese, Chinese, English, and French. Many public facilities are well-designed to accommodate people with disabilities, including elevator buttons, induction doors at train entrances, and ramps within the building. All of these designs show care and respect for particular groups in society.