

Um exemplo de

SoP

Ela conseguiu uma vaga de doutorado na Columbia University (NY) e considera a SoP (Statement of Purpose) o documento mais importante de uma candidatura. Inspire-se!





I graduated in Civil Engineering at the University [...] in Brazil in March 2011 and, shortly thereafter, began a Master's degree in Geotechnical Engineering at the same institution, with completion scheduled for March 2013. I am proud to say that I stood out in both courses and that is why I will apply for a Ph.D. in Geotechnique in the United States, once I finish my Master's degree. I visited the U.S. several times and I had the opportunity to know some universities and their Civil Engineering laboratories. This has motivated me a lot for my field of study requires a lab with good infrastructure for research and experiments, which they all had.

My final graduation project aimed at economic comparison between different solutions for retaining structures. Among these, the solution with reinforced geosynthetic was widely noted for its ease of implementation, low cost, among other advantages. The geosynthetic is a very economical current solution for geotechnical problems and is still in full development. Professor [...], one of the most renowned researchers in the field of Geosynthetics, was my advisor and had the first great influence on my choice for the geotechnical area. He inspired me and made me interested in further researching Geotechnical Engineering at a master and a doctoral level.

Another matter that also interests me is the geotechnical instrumentation. My Master's thesis (still ongoing) aims to develop an electromagnetic sensor for soil characterization and determination of physical indexes that depend on material weight and volume. The project is being done in partnership with a brazilian company called [...] and is quite modern and innovative in the field of geotechnical instrumentation. I have made experiments during the thesis and I have gained knowledge and experience in the laboratory, which will be needed for successful Ph.D. study.

In 2004, my senior year of high school, I passed the exams for the Brazilian Merchant Marine, the Brazilian Air Force Academy (to become a pilot) and the Civil Engineering course in one of the best universities in Brazil (UNB). It was a year of hard work and dedication to achieve my goals but it was worth it. I developed remarkable abilities when it comes to focusing and having discipline to study. In 2009 I joined UNB's civil engineering nonprofit junior company, called [...], where I was a project director and consultant. I had to coordinate and organize the project team and deal with customers. This experience has made me a more proactive person and helped me learn how to respect deadlines. In 2010 I did an internship at [...] Company, where I worked at the commercial area, dealing with quotations and designs of continuous flight auger piles. Overall I took care mostly of the administrative part of the business, from which I learned how to manage my time and personal activities. These abilities will definitely help me along the doctorate.





Lastly, I am looking to move forward with my education in a doctoral program in the United States so I can be a college professor to keep doing research and to teach. It would be a good chance to gain a new perspective and to receive high-level education with the help of first-class equipment. My professional and study experiences have increased my knowledge and interest in Geotechnical Engineering and I am confident that with my effort and self-motivation, I will be able to make a meaningful contribution, specially to my country (Brazil), to the ongoing research developments in Geotechnique and live up to the high standards expected.

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