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**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

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I am very glad to introduce myself as Maria Susan Abraham,graduate in Engineering. I have completed Bachelor of Technology during 2016-2020 from Kottayam Institute Of Technology &Science,Pallickathodu affiliated to APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University ,Thiruvananthapuram& AICTE [All India Council For Technical Education]. I have 6 months of experience in Python development after my graduation.

**Why I want to do MSc Cyber Security**

Today the world of information security faces a lot of security threats, and as a computer professional Iam interested in studying more about these security issues and the methods to resolve these issues for increased productivity. Cyber security is a subset of computer science but it is a separate field of study. There is a tremendous increase in demand of cyber security professionals in India because every organization has its data in cloud and need to be protected from hackers and any kind of cyber threats. Therefore cyber security is a booming career space and has lot of scope in India because India simply lacks skilled cyber security professionals.

Through this course I am able to work in forensics, disaster recovery, software design&development...in companies like WEST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES INC, LOCUS, ISHIR etc. ,where the average annual salary is 7.2 Lakhs for beginners.

**Masters in cyber security** is an adequate program to develop my skills in cyber security in a more research oriented or practical way than the theory oriented method. I strongly believe this course will increase my standard to be a cyber security analyst which in return helps me to get a better job in my home country. Through this course i will gain advanced skills in network security, system & application security.

**Why I want to study in Sheffield Hallam University**

I am very happy to pursue my study from **Sheffield Hallam University(SHU)** ,because through my research I found that SHU has a reputation for being a progressive university and the university was also named as the University of the year for its teaching quality by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide in 2020. Its teaching quality is further proven through the Silver rating (the second highest possible rating) awarded by Teaching Excellence Framework. Also, it is the 14th largest university in the UK and has students from across the world.

All of their courses are designed to create highly qualified professionals through applied learning approach .MSc cyber security in SHU is accredited by **NCSC [National Cyber Security Centre]** which is a part of **GCHQ [Government Communications Headquarters]**. SHU provides state-of-the-art facilities like BlackBoard Virtual Learning Environment, specialist computing hardware, tools and applications that adhere to industry standards as well as four specialist labs for cyber security, digital forensics and computer networking. These are the features which attracted me towards the university. I think SHU is the best choice to achieve necessary knowledge and skills.

Sheffield is reputed for its technological advancement and health care system .Sheffield is a city in the English county of south Yorkshire. Sheffield is one of the friendliest and safest major cities in UK(UK Peace Index) and UK’s most affordable student city.

**Why I chose the UK for my studies**

Studying in India is cheaper, but the benefits of studying in the UK outweigh the additional cost of studying there since Indian employers prefer graduates from United Kingdom. Unlike in majority of Indian universities, education in UK focuses on practical approach and regular updation of teaching methods and study programs to maintain their top standards.

UK is one of the safest places in the world for international students. Also, it is more affordable the studying in the US. The brand value of UK qualification in India is higher than that of countries like Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Universities in UK have very high world ranking and there is no doubt that a degree from the UK cannot be rejected by an employer.The UK undertakes 5 percent of the worlds scientific research and produces 14 percent of the world’s most frequently cited papers.UK has a multi-cultural atmosphere that is difficult to find in any other country.

So I humbly request you to look into my application with kind consideration.

Thanking You,

Maria Susan Abraham