

Statement of Purpose

My name is **Manasi Verma**, and I am from **Mumbai, Maharashtra, India**. I am applying for the **MSc in Mind and Brain** program at the respected **Humboldt University of Berlin**. Through this letter I want to show my strong motivation and sincere interest in taking this course.

In terms of academics, I got a remarkable **9.41 CGPI in my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Mumbai in 2023**. Prior to this, after **completing my high school in 2018**, I scored **89.20% on my final exams in higher secondary in 2020**. Alongside academics, I get practical experience through internships at **IPROCO through Internshala** and at **Psychologists magazine**. There, I developed my content writing, research, and editing skills and have sought professional development. I also completed various certifications which include an intro to **Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Animal Studies, Human Neuroanatomy, Project Management**, and **Microsoft Excel**. I got these from famous platforms like **Coursera and Udemy**. I also have strong language skills which are visible by my overall band score of 7.0 on the IELTS exam.

Through my undergrad and internships, I gained a solid foundation in psychology. I studied topics like **cognitive psychology, abnormal psychology, and neuroscience**. I am motivated to pursue this course by the fact that it offers the **perfect opportunity to grow my knowledge**. It will help me **understand the many ways used in neuroscience research**. I am incredibly excited to **study topics that include decision-making, perception, attention, consciousness, language, brain plasticity and social cognition**. I aim to use this program to grow my expertise which will help me **prepare for a rewarding career** where I could be a **research psychologist or a cognitive neuroscientist**. I want to contribute to ground-breaking discoveries in these fields. I also possess recent work experience as a **product marketing and content manager at Reminted Therapeutics Pvt. Ltd**. It has given me valuable insights which I use to apply psychology to market mental health initiatives.

Germany leads the world in neuroscience research as it has top universities and modern facilities. The curriculum strongly **prioritizes values and neuroscience** which fits with my values and my commitment to responsible science. Germany has outstanding achievements in neuroscience research. This is clear from the fact that it has produced **10 Nobel Laureates in Physiology or Medicine since 1901** which is the **second-highest number in the world**. Germany ranks **4th globally in neuroscience publications** which shows its big contributions to the field.

The Humboldt University of Berlin stands out as a premier institution in this field of study. It ranks **120th in the world and 7th in the nation in the QS World University Rankings 2024** which show its academic excellence. The renowned **Berlin School of Mind and Brain** is affiliated with the university which does innovative research in various neuroscience areas. This affiliation gives me unique opportunities to learn from and work with leading experts.

The university has great rankings: **55th globally and 1st nationally in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023, 39th globally and 2nd nationally in the THE World University Rankings by Subject 2024 and 51-75 globally and 1-4 nationally in the ARWU Global Ranking by Subject 2023** further solidifying my choice.

I chose **MSc in Mind and Brain program** as it will help me learn advanced research methodologies, including neuroimaging techniques and computational modeling, empowering me to contribute to the forefront of knowledge in understanding the mind-brain relationship. The program focuses on three areas: neuroscience, psychology, and neurolinguistics and also covers philosophy and academic management which lets me adapt my studies to my interests and career goals.

In conclusion, I am confident that my strong academics, internships and professional training make me a perfect candidate to join the MSc in Mind and Brain program at Humboldt University of Berlin.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Manasi Verma