

SAMPLE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR JUSTIFYING BACKLOG

Below is a sample statement of purpose written by a student applying to a university abroad justifying his backlog..

Sample 1:

My name is Samradh Damodhar and I live with my parents in Mumbai. My father is a chemical engineer, working with the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation; and my mother is a yoga teacher. I have a younger sister who is currently pursuing her engineering in Electrical Engineering. I completed my 10th from Delhi Public School, Gandhinagar with an 8.6 CGPA in 2010 and 12th from Vidyanidhi Junior College of Science with 67.67% in 2012. I completed my Bachelor of Architecture in Manipal University with a 6.72 CGPA in 2017.

During my first three years in college, I was simply unprepared for my exams and as a result was unsuccessful. I underestimated the efforts it demanded. However- in my final year, I performed well with a CGPA of 8 for two consecutive semesters. Towards the second half of my fourth year, which was my thesis year, I became determined and successfully designed my project to the best of my abilities. There are no excuses and I did fail. My failures, however, have taught me to working hard and persevere to achieve my goals. I would like to highlight my academic as well as professional work.

Among the various projects that I carried out in my undergraduate studies, the most interesting one was a dissertation on ‘Simulation Of Heat Gain Through Walls Of Buildings In Mumbai’. The aim of this dissertation was to find out suitable material to be used for buildings in Mumbai, which would cause the least heat gain. For thesis, I chose to design a government primary school for underprivileged children. The primary objective was to create an effective learning environment through architectural intervention. Also, the design considerations deduced from my dissertation were incorporated into its design to maintain desired comfort conditions.

My first work experience began with an architecture firm named ABI Design in Mumbai. I worked as an intern there for a year from June 2016 – May 2017. Since most of the firm’s projects were in Africa, I enjoyed exposure to different building technologies, materials, local building regulations, climate, etc. I learnt about how these factors influence the design process. Post internship, I worked as a Junior Architect at SeraBlu in Ahmedabad from January 2018 – June 2018 . I was responsible for preparation and delivery of construction drawings on time. Also, frequent site visits were made to ensure execution as per drawings. I also had to co-ordinate with various stakeholders such as clients, structural engineers, consultants and building material vendors. This experience gave me an insight into how an architecture project is managed, what role each stakeholder plays, and how they collaborate to ensure fruitful and timely execution of a project.

Currently, I am working as a junior architect at dotStudio, an architecture and interior design firm in the city. I joined the dotStudio on 1st July 2018. My responsibilities here include providing design options, cost estimation, preparation of construction drawings and co-ordinating with clients, contractors and material vendors. Due to greater involvement in projects than all previous firms I have worked in, I am learning much more about the technical and managerial aspects of carrying out a project.

After working as an architect, I have realized that there is more to a construction project than just designing. I had to frequently visit the site, during its construction phase. This helped me understand how to deal with unexpected delays and how to handle workers. Moreover, coordinating with contractors and material vendors made me understand the importance of the skills needed to effectively manage a project. Hence, I want to pursue masters in a course which would teach me how to manage and deliver complex construction projects.

I believe the Master of Construction & Infrastructure Management program at X University will equip me with the necessary skills to succeed in the construction field. To me, it seems the most logical step towards my career development. Additionally, this course being the only one accredited with RICS, CIOB, and AIQS in Australia is the main reason why I have opted for this particular course.

X University is ranked as one of the world's top 400 universities by the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU). Also, it was ranked 45th in the 2019 QS Top 100 under 50. It has state-of-the-art facilities and infrastructure which universities in my home country lack. High quality of education combined with a practical approach to teaching further reinforced my decision for choosing X University. Its courses are internationally recognised and will make me highly employable when I return to my home country. Considering all these factors, X University seems to be the best choice for me to pursue my masters.

Australia has the third highest number of international students in the world, behind the United Kingdom and the United States, despite having a population of only 23 million. It also offers excellent value for money and a standard of living that is among the highest in the world. Living expenses and tuition costs in Australia are considerably less expensive than the UK and USA. Australia permits international students to work up to 20 hours a week which is a good opportunity for a student like me to cover living expenses as well as develop various skills such as time management, organization, customer service, and teamwork, etc. Another reason to consider is the opportunity to explore and experience a new country with incredible new outlooks, landscapes, customs, culture, and activities. Studying in a country where the first language is English will help me quickly improve my English language skills. I also hope that living by myself with no family members to help me will make me self-reliant in every day chores as well as managing studies and understanding the value of money.

The course I am interested in is available in only 2 or 3 universities in India. On top of that, the universities here have a theoretical approach to teaching rather than a practical approach, which is very

essential for seeking extraordinary employment opportunities. Another reason is that the facilities and infrastructure are inferior in India as compared to Australian universities. An internationally recognized

degree and a global accreditation of my desired course are the influencing factors for my decision to study abroad. I am glad that my family has extended their full support and have decided to fund my higher education abroad. My family income is sufficient to cover the tuition fee as well as living expenses.

Post the successful completion of my course, I plan to return to my home country because of two main incentives. First and foremost, my family who are indispensable part of my life and are living in India. Their presence and support are essential for me to lead a happy life. Secondly, India being a developing nation, I see huge scope for the construction business here and wish to exploit this opportunity to the fullest and intend to start my construction company. I am convinced that the skills and experience I gain during my stay in Australia will help me in my career.

I am fully convinced that the next few years of my life are going to be the most interesting ones as there are numerous lessons that I am going to learn along the way. My education and professional experience has taught me the art of prioritising my goals; and I now wish to provide an edge to my career with a globally recognised degree. I believe that I can meet my goal with the support of X University. The experience at X University will help further enhance my managerial abilities and interpersonal skills. I also look forward to active participation in various clubs and events at the university. I believe the opportunity of learning from renowned faculty combined with world class research facilities, pleasant university ambience and a balanced academic program will immensely boost my career. I am also submitting my portfolio which highlights my work done during undergraduate studies as well as a working architect. I hope that my background and qualifications are found suitable for the Masters of Construction & Infrastructure Management at your highly-esteemed university.