

SAMPLE SOP FOR AUSTRALIA

To
The Visa Officer
The Australian High Commission Australia

Dear Sir/Madam,

Let me extend to you the best greetings of the day!

Subject: Statement of Purpose and Application for Australia Student Visa Subclass 500

I am writing this to you to express my keen interest to study a Master's degree in Information Technology. It would be a privilege for me to pursue this program at the revered Southern Cross University. Looking forward to gain industry-oriented knowledge in the area of my interest, I wish to apply for my study permit. As an avid technophile, I remain open to professional avenues and love to learn fresh technologies. Currently, I look forward to integrate myself into the superior academic environment in Australia. This would help me delve deeper into the competitive intellectual arena to gain better career prospects back in India.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

I hail from a progressive Indian family in Telangana. We are a nuclear family, and have four members, including my parents and a younger brother. My father is a service professional, working in the banking sector in India. My mother serves as a teacher at a primary school, while my brother is studying in the 12th grade. I have imbibed my traditional values from my family members all these years, which has helped me evolve as an honest and good-natured individual. Besides, I have enjoyed a supportive academic environment back at home since my childhood. Both my parents want me to obtain a foreign degree, that would strengthen my professional prospects in India.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND, WORK EXPERIENCE AND PURPOSE OF STUDYING MASTER'S PROGRAM

Academically, I have a stellar record throughout my school and college days. My quick-learning abilities, along with an inquisitive mind, helped me significantly acquire knowledge that appeals to my intellect. Apart from studies, I showcased my interest to extracurricular activities right from an early age. After scoring impressively in my tenth and twelfth grades, I got myself admitted to JNTU, Hyderabad, to pursue my B. Tech in Computer Science. I knew that a career in information technology defines the future. Nurturing my inherent passion for computers, I embraced this course to gain hands-on knowledge on the technicalities. It was a fascinating experience for me to empower my knowledge with different software and applications that could refine our daily lives.

The plethora of technical elements and abilities of computing astounded me. I channelled my dedication and fervour to gain in-depth knowledge, particularly on the practical grounds. Eventually, I completed my Bachelor's degree with good grades, and gained extensive technical knowledge as I worked on my projects over the last three years. Currently, I have got the fundamental understanding of computing, and look forward to spearhead my profile by gaining adequate advanced knowhow in this domain.

Soon after completing my B. Tech, I had the opportunity to work at the esteemed organization, TCS as a software developer. This platform gave me ample opportunities to test my knowledge and technical skills that I had mastered throughout my graduation years. It was a gratifying experience for me to gain this practical knowledge, working in a healthy professional environment in one of the largest IT companies in India. During the last couple of years, I had the opportunity to handle projects of various sizes. At the same time, this professional exposure bestowed me with the ability to work under pressure while retaining my composure.

It was while working at TCS that I realized the importance of a foreign degree in Information Technologies. Smart information systems and their technicalities stem primarily in the advanced nations like Australia, US, or the UK. Gradually, the Indian IT companies embrace these technologies. Therefore, I realized the value of pursuing a course in IT from one of these countries, so that my career would become future-ready. This explains why I decided to pursue a Master's degree in IT from this esteemed organization in Australia. A planned approach from my end will also help me balance my existing skills with the fresh set of knowledge.

WHAT TO STUDY NEXT AND WHERE TO TAKE UP THIS PROGRAM?

Technology in the computing space keeps evolving rapidly. To remain competitive in this fast-paced environment, it's imperative for me to upgrade my skills and stay abreast with the industry. This would help me personally, as I strive to bag better salary packages. At the same time, I could offer more value to my organization. All these years, I have strived hard to master my managerial and leadership skills. Considering the challenges looming large in professional scenarios, I believe this would be the right time to further refine my core skills. As an avid learner, I feel the urge to explore recent developments in computer science, including machine learning, artificial intelligence, and data analytics. Even while pursuing my Bachelor's program, I used to stay abreast with the latest developments in the industry through science journals and e-magazines.

Now that I have gained two years of valuable experience at a leading company in India, I prepare to embrace the challenges that lie ahead of me. However, this calls for advanced knowledge in IT, which justifies my intention to pursue an industry-oriented program from Australia.

WHY AUSTRALIA AND NOT INDIA?

Among the popular global academic destinations, Australia continues to be in the top list. Professionals and students from different countries appreciate the country due to its sophisticated academic infrastructure. Besides, the courses that I can avail in Australia are highly industry-oriented. It would be a pleasure for me to enjoy the multi-cultured academic environment in Australia. Compared the India, the curriculums offered by the Australian universities are much more practical. I can also benefit from the advanced research facilities in Australia, which most of the Indian universities lack. Moreover, the Indian education system is not as good as that in Australia when you consider specializations and focus areas. I have considered all these aspects while prioritizing my academic goals in Australia.

WHY NOT COUNTRIES LIKE CANADA, UK OR USA FOR DOING HIGHER EDUCATION?

I have considered some of the other English-speaking countries to pursue my Master's program. These include the US, the UK, Canada, and Australia. However, considering the financial expenses and academic fees, Australia would be a better option for me. Moreover, the climate in other countries would be harsher than that in Australia. However, there's some sort of similarity between the tropical climates in Australia and India. Considering these aspects, I have considered Australia as my academic destination.

WHY MASTERS OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY?

I would like to pursue my Master's degree in Information Technology from Southern Cross University in Australia as this institute offers highly relevant courses that professionals would find relevant. I am also keen to benefit from the advanced learning faculty, enhanced research opportunities, and the holistic infrastructure for research. Besides, this institute has got an impressive reputation and ranking.

Particularly, on going through the course modules, I realized that the experienced academicians here have come up with the right kind of curriculum. My interest lies in Internet engineering, computational intelligence, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data science. Since the program comprehensively covers all these aspects, I can significantly strengthen my career on completing this program. The Gold Course Campus has a suitable location, which further justifies why I decided to pursue this program here.

OTHER UNIVERSITIES

Well, it was a tough call for me to make when I decided to study in the Southern Cross University. Particularly, I prioritized my research facilities and the quality of learning experience while narrowing down my options. Compared to other reputed universities in Australia, I found that the campuses here are more vibrant. The supportive academic infrastructure, along with affordable fees and the availability of all other amenities make this institute ideal for me. All these aspects justify why I selected Southern Cross University rather than any of the other institutes in the country.

CAREER PLANS AFTER GRADUATION

As always, I remain open to acquiring fresh knowledge that would facilitate my career growth. Completing the Master's degree in Information Technology from Australia will further broaden my professional avenues back in my homeland. On completing this program, I will return to my country and tap the opportunities at one of the established IT companies. I have already worked at TCS, and would like to work in a higher profile with such a company. Some of the other MNCs on my radar include Cognizant, IBM, and Accenture. I would like to specialize as a data scientist or data engineer, besides having relevant and industry-oriented knowledge in software development.



STUDENT VISA REQUIREMENTS (SUBCLASS 500)

I have checked the terms and conditions of the visa meticulously and hereby confirm to comply with the same. I assure to oblige these norms on obtaining the visa.

- My minimum attendance to the university should be 80%.
- While pursuing the program, I can work part-time, not exceeding 40 hours a fortnight.
- I will get a valid health insurance policy during my entire stay in Australia.
- Throughout the MIT program, I should have a minimum score of 50%.
- It won't be possible for me to shift to a different university for 6 months after I get enrolled here.
- In case there's any change in my contact details, it is my responsibility to convey the information to the concerned authority.

