Personal Statement

PhD Lingusitcs

Edinburgh University

When I was asked to write a personal statement, I thought for several days about the things I wanted to write about and which might express my personality.

In 2011, since I graduated from high school with a high grade, I became eligible to study both inside and outside the country. I sought a lot of opportunities to get a scholarship, but understandably my family were afraid for me because I am the first girl from my family to aspire to that ambition. I thought about it carefully and then chose to study in the same city where I was born. I chose the English Department because it is the language that will open up horizons for me to know the outside world during my studies at the Bachelor's degree level. The idea of ​​travelling abroad to finish my postgraduate studies has not gone unnoticed. I persevered a lot and endured all the language barriers that I faced, and I do not deny that I went through a period of depression during that experience. After all, I graduated in 2014 with an excellent second-class honours degree. Here, I had two options: obtaining a diploma in teaching methods or applying for a teaching position in the same university where I graduated. I chose all the options. I was studying for a diploma, and at the same time, I was looking for a job at the university.

During my diploma studies, the university contacted me several times to conduct some tests and interviews that resulted in an external scholarship if I was accepted. In that year, I obtained a diploma in teaching methods and was approved for appointment to an assistant teacher position and I was granted the opportunity to study abroad.

Here, I set my foot on the first step to realize my dream of completing my studies outside the country and getting to know the world.

I chose to study in Australia with an Applied Linguistics major. My passion for research increased in this field. I worked hard during my master level studies. I graduated from the University of Sydney, Australia, with a master's degree in Cross-cultural and Applied Linguistics.

In 2020, I returned to my university and began my work, teaching many applied linguistics courses to BA students. I also worked as an academic supervisor for BA students. In a short period, I was able to get close to the students and understand their struggles with the language because years ago I was just like them. In every lecture, my passion was to let them learn to love language by simplifying information, encouraging them to speak and expressing themselves, and supporting them during their academic development stage. Because of that, I gained their confidence and reached the goal that I aspired to for them, which was to make learning fun during the lectures I gave to them.

Although I returned to my country, started my work and enjoyed teaching, my dream was not yet complete, so I started searching again to get a PhD offer as I aspire to benefit from the latest developments in linguistics. I also want to find the best ways to help students of the BA level who study English as a second language. When I obtain my PhD in Linguistics, I will continue to strive to achieve other goals, for example, to understand students more clearly, and thus help and encourage them. Also, my professional motivation for doing PhD in Linguistics is to assist the Government's policy of creating opportunities for women to begin to take a more prominent role in Saudi society, especially in Education.

I chose your university because it is one of the most prestigious universities, and studying there will increase my experience in the English language. I will also get to know a different culture, customs and dialect, which will open up prospects for me to form relationships with others from different parts of the world. Allowing me to study at this esteemed university will be an honour and an incentive for me to show my best. It will also be the reason for fulfilling one of my dreams that I have been pursuing since 2011.

Thanks to the Admission Team to take eminent time to consider my Statement.

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Regards,

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