

Personal Statement - Reem Fawzi Khayat

My name is Reem, I am from Saudi Arabia, and I live in Jeddah.

When I was little, my parents and all my teachers were telling me that my drawing was beautiful and my handwriting was very elegant. After some time, I became aware that my drawing and handwriting looked different from my friends and classmates. It was more organised, more illegible, and it looked better. Whenever I was at my relatives' house I was thinking about how to rearrange the furniture in the house to use the space differently. Which is why I started thinking of becoming an architect.

I enjoyed drawing in my free time, and because I wanted to get better at that, I attended after school drawing club, where I was taught about different drawing techniques. Calligraphy became my passion and I have attended several calligraphy courses and seminars, which contributed to my improved skills in this field. In 2019 I was honoured to win the national calligraphy competition and I took first place. Winning the national calligraphy competition gave me the confidence that I have a certain talent and I am quite creative and artistic. When my family started building a new house in 2020, I was heavily involved in the planning stages and I worked very closely with the architects, which helped me understand the work of architects and what important things need to be considered when building a house.

After I completed secondary school in 2019, I enrolled at Sharjah University in the UAE. I was going to study Architecture there, but during the first year of my studies, I was forced to discontinue my course due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the travel restrictions that were imposed by Saudi Arabia. During the lockdown, I was thinking about improving my career skills and I realised that to achieve something on the national and international level, I needed to improve my English language skills. This is why I chose to study an English language course in Bournemouth, England in the summer of 2022 for 5 months and I am pleased to say that I completed the course with the B2 level.

I have chosen to study Architecture because I believe it is a very important field that creates an environment that people live in. Architects help build and design buildings, which provide people with places to live, work and spend their time. Architecture is a developing field, which considers how buildings can be built in a more sustainable and energy-efficient way. Moreover, new architectural approaches also consider the environment and eco-friendly strategies how to build environmentally friendly buildings.

The reason why I would like to study in the UK is that I have spent 5 months in England I enjoyed the country's attitude toward learning. What's more, I have read about their educational system, and I could see that the UK is using the most innovative and modern learning approaches. Because the UK is culturally very diverse, I will have the opportunity to meet students from all around the world, which I believe will give me a chance to get new ideas, insights and viewpoints. Last but not least, I would like to enrich the building and architectural sector in Saudi Arabia, and I would like to bring these new skills to my country. I would like to be one of the people who can contribute to the development and modernisation of Saudi Arabia.

Thank you for taking the time to read my personal statement and I am hoping that you can consider my application and see me as a suitable candidate.