

Personal statement

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From an early age, I was deeply fascinated by attaining a higher education abroad. Throughout the way, I carried the aspiration of a young girl growing to be an independent woman. According to my society, the pinnacle of accomplishment is represented by getting admitted into medicine school, and as such, I anticipated nothing less based on my hard work and dedication. It was only during my first-year elective business-oriented courses, where I found myself leaning towards that field. I realized that I envision my upcoming professional journey in financial advisory. That realization has led me to the greatest milestone in my life, and strengthened my ability to take firm decisions, which resulted me to enroll into the college of economics and administrative sciences, majoring in finance and investment precisely, where I graduated at the end of 2020 with a first-class honor. Consequently, a new goal was set to pursue postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom.

Ever since I was young, I was gifted with numbers. And being in a position where I perfectly fit has endorsed me to bring out my best smoothly and effortlessly. As of that instant, nothing could divert my unwavering desire and pure intention to excel. I spent an eventful four and a half years getting inspired by my esteemed professors while being educated about the thrilling concepts of corporate finance. Adding to the academic knowledge, I was able to acquire soft skills such as working under pressure and teamwork, which have been driven by participating in the student-clubs. These extracurricular activities assisted me in applying my studies, as I was able to work on real financial statements. As a result of my outstanding academic performance and the off-class contributions, I was offered a cooperative training opportunity at the Saudi Arabian ministry of economy and planning.

My undergraduate studies have not only taught me business aspects of how companies operate financially, but it also impacted my way of perceiving life. I worked on a school project related to the capital structure formation, which drew a deep sense of risk taking, in addition to benefit maximization and cost minimization in me. Thus, that belief has enlightened me in regard of reaching the maximum potential within the current capabilities, and that was poured into encouraging me to devote the time, energy, and enthusiasm into pursuing one of my most valuable dreams because I am certain that there is a lot to learn and discover.

Besides my college studies, I also have had a high exposure experience across the governmental entities for more than 3 years between the ministry of investment and the ministry of communications. My working goal has always been to integrate financial analysis and investment attraction concepts into the rest of the organization seamlessly. Being able to work closely with His Excellency, the Minister of Investment, was a blessing that enabled me to evolve my willingness to go above and beyond and to arm myself with knowledge. I have also worked alongside senior financial experts and economists, which has widened my awareness of financial and economic concepts.

Now that I hold a bachelor's degree, a solid hands-on experience and the eligibility to gain a scholarship provided by the Saudi Arabian ministry of education, I am aware that my perseverance is leading me to be a step closer every day, to becoming a strong professional woman and to setting an example for all the girls in my country who aspire to follow their dreams. I am someone who is driven, committed and incredibly passionate to obtain a master's degree. As well, I dream of gaining a managerial position in budgeting and financial planning specifically, where a master's degree will enhance my ability to applying both my skills and knowledge efficiently, as this field is still relatively new and unfamiliar for females. My determination in endeavoring my higher education journey in the United Kingdom is based on recognizing the high quality of offered education there, in addition to my genuine interest of learning while submerging in an entirely different culture.