STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

A statement of purpose (sop) is a brief, focused essay about one's career or research goals. It is frequently required for applicants who aspire to pursue higher studies in foreign universities. It is a concise essay about one's passion, excellence and accomplishments.SOP is used as a yardstick to assess the capabilities of a prospective student in terms of critical thinking, analytical abilities, interests, aims & aspirations.

 Admissions professionals already have your transcripts, resumé, and test scores; the statement of purpose is your chance to tell your story in your own words. The sop is your chance to talk directly to the admission committee, to make yourself stand out from among a multitude of similarly qualified candidate, to convince the committee that you have the spark, thirst for knowledge that could add value to your career. The universities look for candidates who have creativity, curiosity, an enthusiasm for learning, ability to think independently, capable to work in a team.

If you plan correctly, you can give yourself enough time to submit a well-written thoughtful polished essay that will boost your chances for admission. Writing a reasonably good statement of purpose is not an impossible task, it requires care attention and patience

CONTENTS OF GOOD SOP

1. Introduce yourself, your interest and motivation.
2. Write down all your accomplishments in academic, extracurricular, sports etc.
3. Mention your career goals.
4. Experience if any.
5. Job responsibilities.
6. Project research/description/future scope
7. Reasoning for further study/future research /admission in that particular university.

How to Write a Statement of Purpose: A Step-by-Step Guide

1. Brainstorm your ideas.

When writing your statement of purpose, ask yourself these key questions:

- Why do I want this degree?

- What are my expectations for this degree?

- What courses or program features excite me the most?

- **Where do I want this degree to take me, professionally and personally?**

- **How will my unique professional and personal experiences add value to the program?**

2. Develop an outline.

Next, you'll want to take the ideas that you've identified during the brainstorming process and plug them into an outline that will guide your writing.

An effective outline for your statement of purpose might look something like this:

1. **INTRODUCTION**
    i. **An attention-grabbing hook**
    ii. **A brief introduction of yourself and your background as it relates to your motivation behind applying to graduate school**
2. **BODY**
    i. **Your relevant experience and accomplishments that relate to the field**
    ii. **Example 1**
    iii. **Example 2**
    iv. **Example 3**
    v. **Your professional goals as they relate to the program you're applying to**
    vi. **Why you're interested in the specific school and what you can bring to the table**
3. **CONCLUSION**
    i. **A brief summary of the information presented in the body that emphasizes your qualifications and compatibility with the school**
    ii. **An outline like the one above will give you a roadmap to follow so that your statement of purpose is well-organized and concise.**

3. Write the first draft.

4. Edit and refine your work.

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING A SOP

1. Make sure your sop is grammatically correct.

2. It should be written in a good flow and shouldn't exceed the prescribed word limit.

3. Sop should be enthusiastic, friendly and confident in tone.

4. Show your interest in the subject.

5. Show that you have thought carefully about further studies know what you are getting into and have confidence to go through it.

6. Keep the essay focussed .Each sentence you use should strengthen the admission committee's decision to admit it.

7. Personal and emotional content should be avoided .Avoid emotional language.

8. Be honest and sincere in stating your views and thoughts.

9. Emphasize everything from a positive perspective.

10. Your sop should be thoughtful, clear and polished.

11. It should persuade the admission committee.

SAMPLE

SOP for MS in Computer Science Engineering (CSE) ✍ 🖊 🖊

"Life is not about finding yourself. Life is about creating you."

Keeping up an inquisitive and explorative attitude, I believe leads to a constant learning process. This 21st century engineering phenomenon plays a vital role in our lives than ever before. From my very first computer and smart phones today, I have been equally fascinated with the new concepts and trends emerging in the field of computers. I also feel a desire to be a part of this prolific community of Computer Science/Information Technology Engineers.

My passion for computers led me to opt for the Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science Engineering/ Information Technology at Deccan College of Engg & Tech. I rate the four years of study at the engineering college among the best years of my life as I spent a lot of time in the Computer Laboratory learning programming languages and concepts of hardware technology and components that make up a computer.

Academics have always been my strong hold. My inquisitive nature and strong desire to imbibe fundamental principles as well as techniques of any subject of study has enabled me to achieve an excellent academic record.

I learn from the challenges and obstacles and strive to my best in accomplishing these hurdles with proper planning and hard work. My friends say that I am extrovert, good planner and creative in my activities. My never-give-up attitude helps me to achieve my goals.

Apart from having academic proficiency, I have participated in my extra-curricular activities like cultural, social service events and sports. I am actively involved in conducting seminars, fests and workshops for the department.

My undergraduate course has given me a comprehensive knowledge of the basic areas in Computer Science & Engineering / Information Technology such as Computer Organization, Operating Systems, Programming Languages, Computer Networks, Language Processors and

Artificial Intelligence. I was involved in projects implementing the principles of Operating Systems, Computer Networks and Language Processors using C and C++. I am proficient in languages such as Java, C, HTML, and packages like MS Office, databases like ORACLE, and operating systems like MS-DOS, UNIX, Linux, Windows and designing languages like UML

While the undergraduate course enabled me to learn, the fundamentals related to Computer Science & Engineering/ Information Technology. Bachelor's degree will provide an opportunity to understand the technologies that are current within the industry; it will bring me closer to technical expertise

I am convinced that your esteemed University is the right place to further my academic career. Your eminent faculty, excellent research facilities, state of the art laboratories & the courses offered in your university are very much likely to produce excellent results in the field of my interest. Your University is a confluence of people from varied culture, nationality, religion, race and ideology. I am sure that my exposure to these kinds of diverse influences would result in the overall development of my personality and help me broaden my concept from the narrower confines of nationalism to internationalism. I would therefore be very thankful if I am offered a beneficial association with your esteemed university with full financial support.

In conclusion, I would like to say that if granted admission into your university I would perform to the best of my abilities and hope to acquire skills that will help me realize my dreams. Finally, I take this opportunity to thank you for enabling me to express myself.