**Why NYU?**
We would like to know more about your interest in NYU. What motivated you to apply to NYU? Why have you applied or expressed interest in a particular campus, school, college, program, and or area of study? If you have applied to more than one, please also tell us why you are interested in these additional areas of study or campuses. We want to understand - Why NYU? (400 word maximum)

Ever since I can recollect, ‘machines’ have always fascinated me. A machine that is purely made of non-organic parts yet can do some effort. Effort that supplements human effort or expedites it towards a gainful output. This indeed was what fostered the Industrial revolution. However, we today are in the midst of a far greater revolution. Can the machine effort also supplement human thinking? I fear that Alan Turing, my favourite personality, would have castigated me for raising this question. He as far back in 1950, had famously said ‘The original question, ‘Can machines think?’ I believe to be too meaningless to deserve discussion.”

Just analyse the distance that we have travelled in the past two decades. Each of us today have a mobile device that is more powerful than the ‘Main Frame’ computers that occupied a full room in early 1990’s! There is little or no doubt that we are living through an era of extreme digital growth or revolution. Slowly but surely, the machines have started doing complex calculations, search and analyse complex data, keep tabs on our behaviour, connect up, understand our language, talk to us etc. – all actions till now associated with Humans. Therefore, we arenot only utilising machines to supplement effort of human mind, but they are already helping us think better.

The next logical steps would be greater role play of Artificial Intelligence in our lives. A field that holds immense potential and fascination. The prospects are many and extremely mouth-watering. It is my dream and endeavour to be a part of this evolution/ revolution at it evolves.

NYU, as a university is at the fore front of extremely specialised research and path breaking analysis in the field of Computer Science and more specifically AI. There are researchers who are known as "the fathers of the deep learning revolution” and have been bestowed with the renowned Turing Award. Will I get a chance to interact and learn from Yann LeCun in person! The prospect is very magnetic. But more importantly, I feel NYU has the value sets and environment that can complement my endeavours and help me to realise my goals.

Therefore, opting for pursuing Computer Science at NYU, was a very obvious and straight forward decision for me. It is something that I have yearned for and I do look forward keenly for a favourable decision.