Economics course, UK

Rooting from a family strongly founded in education; having parents in sciences fields and an elder sister who is a graduate journalist, I believe that education is one’s primary tool to success and is only achieved by hard work. Thus, pursuing an undergraduate degree from your prestigious university is what I am the perfect candidate for and my work speaks for itself.

My ever present interest in commerce fields such as accounting and finance, actuarial sciences, banking and especially economics was first developed when I attended an economics summer program at the National University of Singapore in 2017. I was immediately drawn, as I learnt about the myriad of branches and applications of economics such as behavioral economics, international economics, links to business, econometrics and banking and finance. The experience was especially enriching as we went on field visits to instantaneously apply the knowledge that we gained, such as a visit to the Singapore stock exchange where I learnt about finance and the art of the trade – something that I want to explore further. At the end of the program not only did my team and I pitch a business proposal to the panel of faculty but I began to see economics as a practical and logical lens for evaluating all kinds of concepts and thus wish to incorporate it in my life every day.

In addition to economics, I am passionate about learning new languages. In a cultural trip to France along with my school, I visited Monaco, where I saw luxury cars on the roads, massive and infrastructure and extravagant stores - all signs of a high standard of living and economic growth - the reason of which I pondered. Upon research, I found it was a tax free country! Which led me to find out the tax regime of my country and its changes, resulting in my extended essay in economics - a research project about the GST in India. Furthermore, I have seized every opportunity to gain more knowledge about economics such as participating in the National Finance Olympiad too.

I believe economists are social scientists having the power to change and develop the world around them for the better and their primary tool is a sense of logical reasoning and application of mathematics – which I possess and love respectively. Thence, I wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics at your esteemed university as the course is an amalgamation of mathematics and economics - two subjects that despite being different work intimately as mathematics provides evidence and at times aids predictions, like in actuarial sciences. I find mathematics to be an ocean as it has a great depth and application in almost all areas of knowledge and so am studying it at a higher level. Furthermore, I wish to apply the knowledge I gain at your esteemed institute at internships and placements for which your institute is well known. Secondly, being in the heart of the United Kingdom, with numerous, supreme facilities is an added advantage.

In addition to my academic focus, I strongly believe that it is my civic duty to give back to society in every way irrespective of its magnitude. Issues which suffocate my country as it gasps for economic growth and development are those - such as lack of hygiene, pollution and an unsaid but explicit gender inequality - which drive me to believe that every step taken to combat these takes us a step closer to achieve a cleaner, greener and more equitable country. One such step was an initiative I led was building toilets in a nearby village called Bamnoli. I mixed cement, laid the first bricks and educated the village about the necessities, which swelled me with gratitude. Secondly, I believe that change is brought about immediately but its effect is seen much after. Thus, I have also started a chain of plantation drives which aims at planting Erica palm trees – a natural air purifier – in rural areas, to not only combat the loss of greenery but also to purify the polluted air.

My primary goal is to hone my skills of logical reasoning, mathematical abilities, creativity and hard work whilst broadening my knowledge about economics at your institution. As I take my first steps into the world and adulthood, I aim to open my mind further to new ideas, identities and innovations as well as growing internally to be more rational and stable individual. On the career front, I wish to gain more clarity about the specialization that I want to pursue in the future and begin to build my career. In the long run, I aim at contributing to the field of economics by exploiting my ability of being a social scientist trailblazing change and becoming a global citizen.