**Statement of Purpose**

I Xawins V X Vilangat submitted this statement for obtaining admission to pursue my postgraduate studies at Heriot-Watt University for MSc International Accounting and Finance.

Since childhood, I have seen my father practicing as a Chartered Accountant, and I have been deeply enthusiastic to follow in his footsteps. I have seen him always studying business accounts and taking about the functioning of great international companies since my childhood. It always fascinated me that how by studying those account statements he could comment on the actual health of the company and how in the future in the share market and otherwise their statements reflected so accurately. This made me interested in accounting and finance and my innate quality of being a problem solver added extra essence to my interest as critical thinking and problem solving are two skills that are intrinsically interwoven in this subject. I was always curious to understand the meaning of the huge terms he used while talking to his clients. Now, I could not stop myself from learning and exploring this field of numbers and thus, decided to carve a similar career path as my father's. Rewinding time, I can see myself struck with amusement with every little exposure I received, and it is something I still relish and that empowers me to follow my passion for the field of Finance and Accounting.

Owing to my strong inclination toward the Accounting and Finance field, I started to chalk out a rather strong plan since my school days to reach the ultimate goal that I have always desired to achieve. Thus, I decided to pursue a Bachelor's in Commerce and Marketing from Rajagiri College of Management. The Bachelor's curriculum exposed me to Dimensions and Methodology of Business Studies, Financial Accounting, Business Regulatory Frameworks, Business Management, Marketing Management, Corporate Accounts, and subsequent others. While completing this course, I also worked on an academic project named A Study on the effectiveness of Promotional Strategies about Nirapara, KKR Group of Companies. The project's main aim was to understand the effectiveness and requirement for promotional strategies concerning Nirapara and their impact on consumers. This project holds quite relevance for me since it gave me a hint to work and research on a real-time basis and honed my leadership skills massively since I was leading the project. I have also constantly attended seminars and workshops since I had the prerequisite of my father being a part of Southern Regional Council member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (2009- 15). I thus kept on garnering myself with every bit of knowledge I could accumulate.

Marching ahead, after the successful completion of my undergraduate program, I entered the professional world and joined the Finance & Accounting Department at Tolins Tyre Private Limited, India as an Intern. This Internship was one of the major areas of discovering my true potential to act and cater to a particular job profile. Herein, I used to work on regular accounting, reconciliation, and data entry preparation. Along with this, I was also engaged in liaising with banks and vendors. My next set of professional experiences started with my opportunity to work as a Junior Executive, Account and Tax at V.X. Jose & Co. Chartered Accountants, India. Currently, I have conferred duties of Accounting, Tax return preparation, and filing. I also assist seniors in finalizing accounts and auditing. Even though I am still learning and strengthening my foothold, I had to face many challenges in the initial settling stage, like the online submissions of reply to Income tax notice within the stipulated time, collating multiple information out of raw data became a tough task. I sought guidance from my seniors and colleagues to sharpen my skills to execute a given task within the stipulated time and maintain top-grade quality.

Alongside academics, I also participated in extra-curricular activities that helped me grow as a person. Participating in art competitions in school revealed my inclination toward art, and for 15 years, with the support that I received from my parents, adhered me to claim to be an artist. I volunteered in several cultural activities in schools and colleges and brewed an interest in sports, mainly football. I am also an eminent member of the Aluva Blind School Charity. Thus, being a pan of these activities and organizations created a significant difference in my life. It has equipped me with skills such as teamwork, building cordial relationships with people, and gaining knowledge and communication skills.

When I decided for pursuing MSc International Business with Advanced Placement, I was sure UK will be an ideal destination to pursue my master’s program to get an international exposure and to broaden my skillsets. UK is one of the potential study destination among international student as it holds many top ranked universities in the world. UK never fails to give excellency whether if it is in the quality of education or student experience. One year master’s program is another highlighting advantage which will save time and study expenses. However, UK qualification is well recognized and opens the door of opportunities wherever you go in the world. In UK it is easy access all the facilities like accommodation, transport, and others leisure activities. English Language is considered as the global language and UK is the home to English language. So, studying in UK is the best way to get fluency in the language and to improve communicative skills. While studying in UK students can explore the multicultural diversity, to meet new fellow from all over the world, visit attractive places.

I aim to move ahead in my career by opting for a MSc International Accounting and Finance from Swansea University. I believe that learning to be independent is a crucial aspect, and it can be gained through quality exposure, and studying abroad can certainly heighten the prospects. My short-term goal is to grasp all the concepts I will be taught and study ACCA within this period. My long-term goal would be to work with renowned companies in the corporate sector. I would also like to cater to work profiles of a financial manager and equivalent positions post my Master's, which will aid me in finding out the best ways to support my father and his firm once I get back to India.

I opted Swansea University because it has an international reputation for academic excellence and offers outstanding learning experiences backed by research, business, and profession. Also, it is a business-oriented university with a worldwide reputation for academic excellence. It was also ranked high in many categories students believe are important to the university-wide experience. Student satisfaction, employability, athletic performance, and international recruitment are areas where the Swansea University performs very well compared to other institutions. Moreover, the UK distinctly is one of the best places to pursue overseas education.

I humbly request to kindly grant my application for my further study. It will certainly be the ultimate stage to reach my goal. I will admire this opportunity and will attempt each effort to improve myself and respect the British education system.

Thanking You

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