

I am delighted to be applying for the M.A program in Economics offered by the Queen's University, Canada. I have no doubt that with my academic background in Economics and professional experience as a Delivery Manager for 2 years; I will be a success in this program.

My interest in the field of Economics was first awakened while I was still in high school. I spent the summer break of my senior year helping my uncle manage his hardware store. I closely observed my uncle study how he recommended products best suited to the needs of his customers. I also learnt the basics of negotiation in business first hand by imitating my uncle. The summer I spend at my uncle's hardware store taught me a lot and was one of the primary reasons I opted to study Economics for my bachelor's degree. In college, as I learnt the theories of economics, I would often relate back to my experience as a shopping assistant to give myself practical examples of the concepts I was learning. As I progressed to higher semesters I learnt that these economic theories and principles are applicable not only for individuals and small businesses but also for multi-national corporations and entire nations. This all-encompassing impact of economic theories on human civilization, in general, is what prompted me to graduate from Delhi University, India with an Honours degree in Global Economics.

In my final year of study, I was fortunate to receive an offer of employment from a manufacturing organization based in Mumbai, India. As a trainee I was put in the delivery division where I learnt about cost control methods, safety guidelines and methods to improve productivity. After six months of training I was converted into a full-time employee. After 1 year I was promoted to Trainer position in the delivery department where I was responsible for overseeing the training of 50 new recruits. This position was deeply educational for me since I learnt valuable lessons on how to be a leader and manage subordinates. My two years of work experience have helped me develop the belief that if I work sincerely I can accomplish any goal I target.

In my personal as well as professional life I believe in the importance of teamwork. Over the years I have learnt that if we function as a team we are capable of achieving a lot more than we ever would by working individually. In an effort to give back to the society which has given me so much I have been volunteering for the Women for Women Foundation based in Mumbai for 2 years now. As part of this society, we travel to various low-income localities in Maharashtra and teach women the basics of financial literacy.

I have been blessed to have studied at some of the finest educational institutes in my home country until now. However, I am eager to attend graduate school in Canada for a few reasons. Canada is one of the leading study abroad destinations in the world. I feel I would greatly benefit from the excellent quality of education as well as from the international community at the University. I strive to get myself out of my comfort zone and explore new opportunities. Therefore I feel a place in this competitive Economics program would give me the perfect opportunity to grow professionally as well as personally.