

Statement of Purpose

8 out of 10 millennials today in modern cities of India strive to achieve their longings one or the other way and ironically only handful succeeds. I am just one of those thriving, living in a beautiful city called Bangalore in India. As a child I grew up among scholars and social protagonists. At a very tender age I learnt the art of persuasion from these social protagonists - running NGO. My friends used to often label me “lucky” for the same reason. While, most of my friends were told to spend time in acquiring bookish knowledge to secure high grades, I was told to participate in extra curricular activities as much as I would spend time on my studies. As a result my all around growth was inevitable.

Innumerable awards, certificates, appreciation & recognition in various aspects made me school ‘head girl’. Playing ‘Head Girl’s role for quite a while at school introduced me to exceptional leadership skillsets. I was fortunate to learn many things from the challenges that I had to face at very early age. After finishing my secondary education, I decided to choose Science stream over others for my higher secondary schooling. Post that, most of my friends had clarity on what they wished to pursue as specialization in their under graduation whereas I stood clueless because I didn’t know what was that one thing that I had to build my empire around. I had to subscribe for counseling services by an expert education counselor in the town. Initially even my counselor had tough time to suggest me one stream for my future prospects, since I was good at many things. I countered every suggestion made by the counselor and eventually hitched to “Aeronautical Engineering” after understanding the course in detail.

No sooner I joined college for my Under Graduation I found myself dwelling upon extra curricular activities, as a result I became an integral part of the college forum. Besides regular academics I also played pivotal role in planning, campaigning, merchandising and persuading sponsors. I was constantly fuelled further with encouragement from the faculty of aeronautical department to participate in these activities for two reasons - With great ease I was doing good at academics and on the other hand from Aeronautical department in college none ever participated and brought laurels. Everything went smooth until my 4th semester; I had to face adversity: I could not buy a Laptop to practice “Computer Aided Machine Drawing” nor could I access laboratory due to time constraint. However, after my friend lent me his laptop I succeeded in the test in the very next attempt.

This setback had a great impact on my confidence; thus, I decided to compensate by subscribing for Industrial Internship in the same designing area at Bharat Electronics Limited. During my internship I designed a rudimentary model of universal weapon computer for LCA - TEJAS (I was recently notified about my design that was developed further and posted on company’s billboard). After this internship I felt shift in tectonic plates beneath my foot and a paradigm shift in my interests. I started liking courses more pertaining to Management. As a matter of fact, I chose many management related electives. For Instance: Total Quality management, Operations Management, Management & Entrepreneurship. At the same time I was introduced to one of its kind in my country - Aircraft asset management Company -

“Acumen Aviation”. This organization had intrigued me so much that I had made up my mind to work with this organization after completion of my under graduation.

I had an adventurous journey in my final year. I did everything that generally every student would do in his final semester. But, what truly made the journey more momentous was my decision. In my 8th semester I had to write my favorite exam “Project Management”, and at the same time I received an invite to attend interview for Naval branch of Indian Armed Forces. I was on the fence, I contemplated for few hours & I decided to go ahead with attending the interview. This was once in a lifetime opportunity and worth the risk. I was the only girl out of 300 selected from my state, after skimming through further rounds: Physical tasks; Group Discussion & Aptitude tests. In my final round the judges told me I couldn't move further because of my short height. Although I was devastated, contentment kept me stand still. I had mind-blowing experiences and handful amazing friends for life. I headed back to my academics and gave my exam few weeks later.

My stellar academics coupled with distinguished experiences led me to have two offer letters with astounding paychecks from two different conglomerates. However, I was desperately waiting for another interview call where I truly wanted to work and contribute my knowledge & wisdom that I had acquired. My enthusiasm & confidence paved my way in the organization “Acumen Aviation” before even I could officially graduate. I was keen on joining this organization not only because it was in the domain that I truly wanted to work but also it fascinated me for the reason to shift my perspective of looking at aircraft not just as miracle of science & engineering but beyond it. Immediately after joining the organization I was further captivated how the business world revolves around an engineered masterpiece. My quest for learning more was fuelled after meeting revered Inspectors, ISTAT appraisers, and data experts. Now at this juncture of my life I feel if I could instill more knowledge from a master's degree in Aviation Management, I'll be able to contribute much more than I am contributing with limited awareness of the operations & functions of aircraft management, leasing & insurance I possess now.

After thorough research I found ***** University would be an ideal place to quench my insatiable thirst. I strongly believe I'll find all answers to my naïve questions under the guidance of **** & ***** professors. Subjects like Risk assessment & aircraft valuation; leasing developments & insurance applications; accounting & taxing issues further corroborates my decision of earning my masters degree a wise choice. Being in the industry I found Europe is the global center of operations in aviation industry. I contend opportunity to interact with industry leaders & internships during the course will further amplify the horizons of acquiring practical knowledge.

I aspire to become most sought after business executive in the aviation industry. That dream can become a reality if I'm offered a place in your prestigious university to pursue my masters in Aviation Management with financial aid.