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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR AUSTRALIAN STUDENT VISA

I was told I couldn't do it, that girls were not supposed to aspire to be researchers. The higher level biology classes were full of dissections and anatomical descriptions, subjects that were uncomfortable topics to teach to women. I grew up in a society that still valued women as housewives, and where my passions were discouraged in order to prevent me from becoming unmarriageable. However, I have always felt that my passion for biological research was non-negotiable; for this reason I hope to be able to obtain a visa to study in Australia, where I can obtain a world-class education regardless of my gender or background.

This Australian student visa will allow me to attend the University of Melbourne, a renowned research institution known for its progressive education system as well as its connections to a variety of industrial and academic positions to help its students succeed. I have always been passionate about furthering cancer research, and I know that the University of Melbourne will train me in the scientific knowledge and skills that I will need to take my career to the next level. At the same time, I believe that I will thrive in an academic environment designed to expand perspectives and encouraging cultural exploration, and I look forward to the opportunity to learn about different ideas and viewpoints.

I hope to eventually become a research scientist running my own lab, an opportunity that would be extremely difficult to obtain in my home country. I believe that with my Australian education, I will be a better candidate for research jobs around the world. This educational opportunity will not only prepare me with cutting-edge knowledge and training, but will also equip me with an open mindset that can adjust to a variety of situations. It will enable me to chase dreams that are not possible back home, and allow me to pay this kindness forward by training the next generation of researchers and scientists.



SOP FOR STUDY ABROAD SAMPLE

To travel the world is to better understand the world, and the similarities we all have as humans. Although our different cultural beliefs might cause us to act differently and place importance on different things, my travels have exposed me to many elements of mankind that are constant across cultures, such as a mother's love for her children and the prevalence of poverty wherever there exists wealth. Seeing this dynamic was what inspired me to major in politics in the first place, and I know that having an additional opportunity to study abroad will help open my horizons to new ways of thinking in order to benefit the world.

Two years ago, I took a service trip to Guatemala, where I was helping to build a new hospital for the residents in a rural village so that they would have access to basic healthcare in a clean facility. Soon, it became clear that there were many forces at play, including the villagers' own beliefs regarding modern medicine, as well as the influence of politics and impending violence from local gangs. This experience helped show me how different types of policies affect the livelihood of everyone from leaders to ordinary citizens, and it is a lesson I hope to keep in mind as I progress in my studies and career in politics.

In the current political climate, I feel as though it is more important than ever to keep an open mind and be ready to propose new ideas. This study abroad opportunity will allow me to continue my academic studies in a foreign country, where I will be exposed to new ideas for the government as well as be able to witness the pros and cons of structuring leadership in a certain way. This study abroad opportunity will give me the chance to broaden my mind and allow me to work in a bipartisan mode in the future, working for the benefit of all citizens.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR CANADA STUDENT VISA

Since I was young, I have wanted to travel and explore. One of my favorite things to do was take walks into the vast forest a few miles from my village, where I could lose myself among the trees and nature. Unfortunately, as I grew older, the forest also started to shrink. On one hand, the sale of the lumber helped to bring our village out of poverty, but it also came at the price of destruction. Since I came to that realization, I have been looking for a way to fuel conservation efforts to strike a balance between production and protection. In order to do so, I hope to major in Ecology, and this Canadian Visa will enable me to study at the University of Toronto with some of the best minds in the field.

There exists no ecology or conservation program at my local university in my home country, and that is a fact I hope to change in the future. Studying in Canada will enable me to not only learn about current methods and efforts in conservation and sustainability but will also give me a deeper understanding of the biological and chemical balances that comprise different ecosystems. Obtaining my education in Canada will also expose me to like-minded and yet diverse peers whom I hope to work with and learn from, broadening my knowledge and my horizons.

In the future, I hope to return to my home country and start an Ecology curriculum at my home university. I believe that the destruction of natural resources is a problem that has been faced in the West for centuries, and it begins to take its toll on more remote areas such as the one I live in. This visa will enable me to study the techniques of conservation and policy changes, which will allow me to better complete my work at home in preserving forests and other ecosystems. I look forward to all the opportunities that a Canadian education will offer me, and hope to reflect the values and viewpoints that I learn both while abroad and when I return home.