

## **Statement of Purpose**

Respected Sir/Madam

I, Athira Devi Chitrapal, have always believed that we all are the sum of the decisions that we take and the preparations that we make. Our lives are the result of the challenges that we face and the efforts that we put to make ourselves better for the future. This understanding has always afforded me with the strength I needed to get where I am today. The conscious decisions that I have taken shaped my personality and my ambitions. It was not until my bachelor program that I realized what I wanted out of my career. When most of my peers wanted to work at techno-conglomerates in the world, I wanted to become a teacher. I realized that with becoming a teacher, I can encourage and motivate a lot of young people to find their ways into future like what my teacher does during my master program.

As I have been a teacher from 2006, I have been content with the way my career has been progressing. However, with all the technical advances and growth happening in the world, I realized the need to fine tune my knowledge and insights in the field. After all, a student is only as good as the teacher, I believed. My interactions, which I loved, with my students have helped me understand that today's children are well-informed and have greater exposure to the technology of the world. Hence, their teacher must be well-equipped and current to bolster their growth. This need to grow in my career and expand my knowledge in the field is what set me on the path to pursue Masters from UK. I am sure that the decision that I have taken now will succour me greatly in my career and add value to the learning experiences of my students in the future.

With my academic experience as well as the professional experience as a teacher, I realized that undertaking a suitable higher education program in India was not in the cards. I clearly wanted to challenge myself and provide myself with taxing exposures of learning in an environment that I am not familiar with. I was confident that such a unique learning experience would endow me with better chances of growing me as a person as well as a teacher. Hence, I started learning

about the academic options available for me in foreign institutes such as the US, the UK and Australia. My researches, both online and through friends and acquaintances, helped me understand that the UK was always the most sensible choice in terms of quality and value for investments. This took me to sieving institutes that can help me with pursuing the MSc. While I had other institutes in my mind, as well, the highly research-oriented program and global academic exposure offered by universities in UK enticed me to secure admission from the same.

After taking the decision to pursue MSc Masters in artificial intelligence with robotics with placement year, I began my researches to pick the most suitable academic destination for me. Since Indian academic system lacked the kind of intense pragmatic learning and advanced research options, I wanted to undertake the program from a foreign destination. Although the US and the UK were in my mind, as I have started critically evaluating the same, I have found that while the US has exceptional academic pedigree, the overall expense for the same was too high for me to manage. On the other hand, the UK proved extremely value-adding for me. I also learned from my researches that the UK MSc programs are extremely respected across the world due to its advanced nature and research options. It was also encouraging for me to know that the focus of the MSc program is providing holistic learning and research options to professionals like. In addition, with amicable cultural elements and social aspects, the UK proved to be the best option for me. Hence, I have made the decision final. I also chose universities in UK for the program as I felt the infrastructural capabilities and faculties of the college are adept for my program. The collaborative learning milieu of the college that encourages collective learning and holistic growth of professionals like me encouraged me further to secure admission from the prestigious university of Hertfordshire.

After completing the MSc program, I will come back to India to continue my career as a teacher in India. With the insights and exposure that I have gained over the course of my masters in the UK and the professional experience in India, I am sure to associate with a leading academic institute in India. There is no doubt that the MSc program will prove a decisive change that will set me on the path to a better, more fulfilling career.

I have a great family who supports and encourages me for my further studies in the UK. I am financially supported by my parents who have sufficient income to back my expense in the UK. I am confident that my academic records and practical knowledge combined with my eagerness exhibits the zeal required to pursue an MSc in Artificial Intelligence with robotics with a year in industry.

I hereby request you to kindly grant me the necessary student visa and oblige.

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