

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

“The humanities teach us critical thinking, how to analyze arguments, and how to imagine life from the point of view of someone unlike yourself.”

—Martha C. Nussbaum

I understood this quote when I was studying my Bachelor's in Arts and had the opportunity to work with an NGO during my internship period. I saw a child who was suffering from cancer, but instead of resting in his room, he used to participate in each event with enthusiasm. Out of curiosity, I asked don't you need rest and he replied I want to make the best use of my remaining time because life is uncertain. That's how he changed my perspective about life and helped me understand how crucial it is to grab every opportunity that life gives us.

This incident sparked my curiosity to work with society and be a social worker who can help people in my society by pursuing a Master of Arts from a well-known institution. The University of Alberta is a highly regarded academic institution that offers this course to international students. My ambition to help society stems from diverse moments and a gradual realisation that was shaped through reflection, experience and observation. Moreover, during my previous education, I have understood that impactful social transformations require both specialised knowledge and empathy, which I Bikramjeet Singh Bajwa aim to develop through Master of Arts course from the Alberta University.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

About my education, I completed my secondary education in 2022 from the CBSE board of Delhi. After this, I completed my Bachelors of Arts from Delhi University in 2025. During my Bachelor's studies, I was familiarised with the cultural and structural aspects that influence the well-being of a community or an individual. Subjects such as social sciences and cognitive sciences enabled me to examine social issues critically, including social justice, human behaviour, public development, inequality and access to basic resources. However, my college years were not as easy as they should have been. During my initial semesters, I used to struggle while working on projects in social science because they required personal interaction with society members. Additionally, I struggled to manage my time effectively, which affected my performance.

I recognised these weak areas and started working on them to improve my academic performance. I started the process by setting precise academic goals, seeking help from a mentor and participating in group projects. These strategies worked like magic for me, and I started noticing changes in my grades. In addition, it reinforced my confidence to manage complex social science projects. As a result, I made the best social science assignment in my final semester, which acted as a crucial milestone in my academic journey. The project helped me to merge research with my personal interest in society-based challenges.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Beyond Bachelor's education, my keen interest in community issues and work has been driven by constant engagement with societies and their people. I actively engaged in social work as a volunteer with local NGOs and school initiatives that aim to provide free education to people from lower-income groups. I also worked with people facing issues, including financial instability, social exclusion or limited access to food during my internship with an NGO in Delhi for 6 months. My active participation in such events exposed me to the real-world issues faced by our society. It enhanced my wish to pursue a job dedicated to assisting these people and navigating these issues.

WHY MASTER OF ARTS FROM ALBERTA UNIVERSITY?

My decision to pursue a Master of Arts from the University of Alberta in Canada is highly influenced by its inclusive environment, community welfare approaches and social development. The University stands out due to its scholarly merit, global prestige and strong focus on research, which will help me to address real-world problems. It offers a robust curriculum that will help me understand social structures, research methodologies and policy framework deeply.

FINANCIAL ABILITIES

While I am excited to study at the University of Alberta, I also recognise the importance of financial planning and preparedness. My education will be partially funded by my family members, and half of the amount will be paid through an education loan. Here is a complete breakdown of all the expenses that I am expected to pay.

Tuition Fee for the 1st Year (fully paid)	CAD \$20,000 paid
Living expenses for the 1st Year (fully paid)	CAD \$25,400 paid
Funds Required for 2nd Year	Tuition Fee for 2nd Year: CAD \$20,000 Living Expenses for 2nd Year: CAD \$30,500 Total Requirement of Funds: CAD \$50,500
Available Funds for 2nd Year	CAD \$144,000 (Savings and ITRs)
Excess Funds (In CAD)	CAD \$144,000 (Available funds) – CAD \$50,500 (Required Funds) = Excess: CAD \$93,500

FUTURE GOALS

I am highly interested in working on societal issues and finding solutions to the prevailing social issues. However, my future goal is to contribute to the development of a stronger communal support

structure in my home country, India. Being a developing country, it faces ample social issues that increase the need for skilled professionals who will be able to address key issues of societies, including community welfare, poverty and education inequality. By gaining global exposure and modern academic training, I will be able to create a meaningful influence on society at the base level.

To sum up, my application aligns well with your Master of Arts program as it shows both my dedication to this profession and my academic interests in this field. I acknowledge my previous challenges, and I have defined my skills to adapt, grow and learn from past mistakes. The opportunity matters a lot as it will enhance my academic skills and prepare me to contribute to society. I am strongly determined to utilise this opportunity as the key foundation for creating significant and positive changes within society.

Thank you for considering my application

Warm Regards

Bikramjeet Singh Bajwa