**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

My name is Amandeep Singh. I am writing this statement to express my reasons behind my visit to Australia. I have applied for the following Vocational Education and Training programs at Glen Institute, Melbourne Campus.

1. *Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery*
2. *Diploma of Hospitality Management*
3. *Advanced Diploma of Hospitality Management*

**MY PREVIOUS ACADEMIC AND EMPLOYMENT PROFILE**

April 2016- May 2017: Grade 10, 71%, First Division

April 2018-May 2019: Grade 12, 85%, First Division

Aug 2019-April 2020: Trainee Steward, Royal Hotel & Restaurant

May 2020- Till Date: Kitchen Steward, Royal Hotel & Restaurant

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR ME TO STUDY FURTHER?**

My previous qualification is just Grade 12. My hobbies include being a helping hand to my mother in her kitchen work. After my school hours, I used to spend time with my mother while she used to cook food and snacks for me. This is how, I developed my interest towards cookery and my parents guided me to gain training in this field. After completing my schooling, I joined a local Hotel and Restaurant as Trainee Steward in August 2019. Currently, I am working as Kitchen Steward with the same employer. It has been a wonderful opportunity for me to develop a strong foundation of this field like giving best Food and Beverages services to the guests. I learned about basic antiques like cleaning and setting tables, placing seasonal decorations, candles, and table cloth, etc. I learned about organizational duties. During my job tenure, I have experience pandemic circumstances due to wide spread of coronovirus which gave me another opportunity to explore myself and develop my skills.Finally, I make up my mind for IELTS and appeared in the examination on February 2020, there, I scored overall 6 bands 6 in Listening, 5.5 in Reading, 6 in Speaking, 6 in Writing. So, to reach that level it will definitely take so many years.I then, searched a lot about my relevant course and university which actually will be benefited to me for my good future growth. Then, I visited different consultancies and have words with few counselors who guided me regarding my future I want to a get a high salary job profile. So, I myself have gone through different universities and countries While going through such internet surfing, I realised that I must go for professional training via study program so that I can learn from professional experts. Yet there is much more that I must learn. So, studying further is the only mode that can help me to boost my skills for achieving a growing career.

**MY STUDY OPTIONS IN INDIA**

**I have checked out the following premier study options offering diploma programs like:**

1. **Sanjeev Kapoor’s Kitchen Academy**

My first check of learning institute went to. It offers several certified cookery courses as I have gone through the link. (<https://sanjeevkapooracademy.com/>)

1. **IHM, Delhi (One of the top Hotel Management Institute located in Delhi, India). It is ranked 1 out of 67.**

It is institute of Hotel Management, Catering and Nutrition. It offers diploma programs in Food and Beverages, Bakery and Confectionery, etc. (<https://ihmpusa.net/diploma-courses/>)

1. **NFCI, Ludhiana**

I have gone through their placement records and did not find any good record which was ofcourse nothing to get motivated to study among such institutes. (<https://www.nfcihospitality.com/cooking-courses-in-punjab/>)

1. **ACCT**

It offers commercial cookery courses along with hospitality programs. But I did not choose this education provider as the duration of the programs is too short which would not be helpful for me to meet my learning requirements. **(<http://www.acct.edu.in/courses/commercial-cookery/>)**

**Reasons for not choosing to study in India:** My chosen field of study is having amazing opportunities at global levels. I want to prepare myself for accordingly so that I can open doors for my career not only in India but overseas as well like in famous tourist destinations like Paris, Malaysia, Hong Kong, etc. So, I discussed my long run career plans with my parents and they were very happy with the same. Therefore, I decided to opt for study in an international study destination. I understand that the cost of studying overseas would be bit higher as compared to India, but the return upon this investment would be much higher. I will get amazing rewards in terms of exclusive skills of commercial cookery and hospitality management. I will be able to experience massive improvements in my interpersonal and communication skills. I will be able to develop an entirely new view point towards hospitality industry. My exposure would also be unique as compared to Indian study environment which is based upon same old traditional methods of teaching among the local education providers. However, there are few premier institutes of cookery and hospitality but it is really tough to get admission in such education providers due to certain criteria of short listing students with much higher score in previous academics, etc.

**WHY I DID NOT CHOOSE TO STUDY IN OTHER COUNTRIES**

1. **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

It is the first and foremost choice for study purpose for many students. I have gone through the following education providers:

**https://www.internationalstudent.com/study-culinary-arts/**

It is one of the most favourite study destinations for international students. Following institutes offer program of my interest in commercial cookery leading to hospitality courses:

I took information from the link <https://www.studyusa.com/en/field-of-study/379/culinary>

1. **Altlantic Cape community College, Hamilton**

http://www.atlantic.edu/academics/academy-of-culinary-arts/index.php

1. **Charlotte Technical College, Port Charlotte**

https://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/

1. **Stark State College, North Canton**

https://www.starkstate.edu/academics/culinary/

1. **Arizona Culinary Institute, Scottsdale**

https://www.culinaryschools.org/top-culinary-schools/arizona-culinary-institute/

1. **Christian Culinary Academy**

<https://www.applyboard.com/schools/christian-culinary-academy/programs/college-certificate-culinary-arts->

I have gone through the above weblinks and took all the necessary information. But, while comparing the pros and cons with Australia I found Australia to be much better as US is a highly expensive country in terms of tuition fee and living. Moreover, US is not found to be having transparent policies for international students which is not motivational for me to study over there.

***Difficult admission criteria in USA****:*

1. *High academic percentage: I am* ***meeting*** *this criterion as my score in last qualification is 85%.*
2. *Higher IELTS score or specific requirement of TOEFL: I am* ***not meeting*** *this criterion as I have moderate IELTS score, but not very high.*

**CANADA:**

1. **George Brown College:**

<https://www.george-brown-college-st-james/programs/college-certificate-culinary-skills-h134>

1. **Centennial College:**

<https://centennial-college-progress-/programs/college-diploma-culinary-management>

1. **St. Clair College:**

<https://www.applyboard.com/schools/st-clair-college-windsor-campus/programs/college-diploma-culinary-management-b395>

***Reasons for not studying in Canada:*** *I have gone through several education providers in Canada. Firstly, while I compared global ranking I found Australia to be among the top three countries for study purpose whereas Canada is not ranked among these. Secondly, there is intake issue in Canadian colleges as they have only two intakes that is the month of February and September which would limit the possibility of my admission. Thereafter, the weather conditions in Canadian provinces are very harsh which are not suited for me. Thus, Australia is the first and foremost choice.*

**WHY AUSTRALIA?**

There are many reasons why I want to pursue my education from Australia. In my country, good courses are available but those are generally 3-4 years degree courses. I do not want to spend a lot of time on my graduation when I am getting a good advance level two-year diploma in hospitality. This will not only save my time but will also offer me an international exposure.

Choosing Australia was not tough as I have been keeping myself updated with the overseas education world. Australia is the home to few of the world’s best universities. This has put Australian educational institutes on world’s map. Both Sydney and Melbourne have become top education destinations for international students. When few educational institutes raise the bar of education standards, others are automatically motivated to deliver the quality. I have tried my best to understand the teaching approach of the Australian educational institutes and what makes them a great place to study. I would like to list down the factors which I think have placed it to the top;

* State-of-the-art facilities
* Internationally recognized programs
* Strong research output
* Partnerships with industry
* Outstanding successful graduate student

The courses are based on work-integrated learning system which means they are designed together with industry to ensure that students learn the skills employers are looking for. This makes the courses relevant to workplace and increases the employ-ability rate of the students.They are ahead of Indian educational institutes in most of the aspects and this is the main reason why I chose to pursue my graduation from Australia.

Second reason is the global reorganization of its qualification. It has a very well-defined framework. The [Australian Qualifications Framework](http://www.aqf.edu.au/) (AQF) allows students to easily move through the education system. It also provides an easy way for countries to recognize your qualification and issue a comparable qualification for local use. Hence, a good qualification from Australia can open up global opportunities for students. While studying if you are allowed to work, it can add a lot of value to your professional profile. You can develop a professional network and also learn range of professional skills. Having a relevant experience can give you a huge competitive advantage in the international job market. This can be a very valuable professional asset.

I was very convinced that a good qualification from a reputed Australian education provider will place me greatly in the global job market. Australian education signifies job-readiness and skill development. Employers prefer such candidates who are all set to perform in a work environment. Hence, this qualification will lend me a huge competitive advantage in the job market.

There are many factors which define your experiences in a foreign land. Besides education, a student needs a safe environment to live. Australia is one of the safest nations in the world. It is a land of cultural diversity and nurtures cultural diversity without any discrimination, hence is open to international students. This factor is extremely crucial for any international students who are away from their homes. Also Australia has a high standard of living and offers a great urban exposure to international students. It is a land of natural landscapes and has immense scope for exploration and travel. I am very excited about this experience.

I am sure that this exposure will help me in not only academic or professional growth but also in personal growth.

**CAREER PROPECTS**

I am aware that hospitality industry is the hardest hit because of corona virus and it would take more time to recover but I am sure that it will bounce back and would offer new employment opportunities. If I talk about my country, the industry has started to revive on domestic level. People have started to go for holidays for recreational reasons. Even business travel has picked up. This industry had been growing exponentially in India before the COVID pandemic and I am sure that it will get back on the track and will generate great employment opportunities for the hospitality professionals. I am very positive about my career prospects in the long run.

This course form Australian education provider will open up global opportunities for me. Asian countries have become great holidaying destination. Places like India, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Nepal have always attracted great number of tourists. These countries have emerged as great tourists hubs and hence have a lot to offer in terms of employment opportunities in hospitality domain.

This course aims to prepare students for supervisory role. Previous graduates from this institute have moved on to management roles in sectors and organizations including event management, hotel industry, re-creation industry and tour and travel companies. My career plan is also to join a renowned reputed Indian companies in hospitality sector as they offer various job profiles like; Business Development Manager, Customer Service Agents, Graduate Trainee Manager, HR Manager, Marketing Manager, Project Managers, Travel Manager, hospitality Manager and get lucrative salary packages and my degree from Macallan university will definitely help me to achieve my goals.

I would like to start my career as an executive in operations department with a renowned five-star hotel chain. I would like to list few jobs below which show that this course will make me employable for hospitality industry

* <https://jobs.marriott.com/marriott/jobs?page=1>
* <https://www.timesjobs.com/job-detail/kitchen-supervisor-vision-esteem-panchkula-chandigarh-2-to-5-yrs-jobid-qWzOyMMpfhxzpSvf__PLUS__uAgZw==?utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic>
* <https://www.interviewair.com/jobs/job-for-HR-and-Recruitment-and-Administration-Hotel-Management-English-Speaking-by-Hospitality-Services-India-at-Gautam-Buddha-Nagar-Experience-1-to-2-years-Full-Time-HOSPITAL-853FC316/?utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic>

I think this profile would give me a foundation to grow professionally as I aim to reach to a General Manager profile in the long run. I do believe that this course would prepare for a great career in the Indian hospitality industry.

**Additional Information:** I am a resident of Punjab I come from a very well-to-do family. My father is an agriculturist. He is a very progressive man. He always gave a lot of importance to education and career. He always encouraged me to have goals. This is the reason he is supporting me. My family has sufficient financial resources which are required to pursue my education from Australia. We have substantial annual income as well as properties to meet any kind of financial obligation. I have submitted all the documents to support the financial standing of my family.

I am confident that my education will help me in giving a right direction to my career in my home country. Please note that I am a genuine student and I undertake to abide by the conditions of my student visa. I am aware about my visa subclass (500) and I understand to follow all visa conditions.

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/see-your-visa-conditions?product=500>

I hope the honorable visa officer will approve my application.

Yours sincerely,

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