**Introduction and Academics**

I would like to introduce myself as Rahul Sarangal S/O Satpal Sarangal . My Date of

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R7821355. My E-mail ID is  rsarangal111@gmail.com.  I have applied to Monash University for the program  Master of Information Technology. As far as my

expenses to study in Monash University  are concerned, my parents have enough

funds to sponsor me.

Now, I would like to apply for Master of Information Technology at Monash University,

Australia.

**Educational Qualification**

I have completed my Year 10 in the year of 2015 with A grade from Gurdaspur Public school under Central Board of Secondary Educartion after that I have done senior secondary education in Non-Medical Stream in the year of 2017 with 71% from the same school under Central Board of Secondary Education. After that I have decided to pursue

Bachelor of Computer Application in the year of 2020 with 70% from Punjabi University Patiala. After that I have decided to pursue my further study from Australia but to study abroad; there are some prerequisites that need to be fulfilled i.e., English Proficiency Test.  I opted for the PTE language test because it is the most acceptable language test in Australia. I have started taking PTE classes to polish my skills and sat for an exam on October 16, 2020 and got Overall 71 score and individually 67 in Listening, 64 in Speaking,

87 in Reading and 72 in Writing.  Unfortunately, at that time Covid-19 pandemic was at

its peak. After all the discussion when I made my decision, the new variant of covid-19 changed the whole scenario of the country. I did not want to any gap in my study so I joined a Sukhanand Infotech as a IT Executive from 02 Feb 2021 and still I am working there.

But, India went into lockdown again due to this variant. So, at the end when above 50% of people get vaccinated then the Indian government starts lifting the restrictions gradually from educational institutions and immigration department. In January 2022, now without any hesitation I decide to continue my process for Study in Australia.

**Immigration History**

 I don’t have any kind of immigration history from any country.

**Reasons for studying Master Degree Program from abroad**

India’s education system is very outdated and the colleges and universities teach syllabus that is not relevant in the present time. Also they do not provide any practical learning. Computers is a very vast field and everyday new concepts are designed but our knowledge in the subject is very limited because we were never taught the latest curriculum. We have never been encouraged to do any research and handle projects independently. So I realised that whatever I studied in India will not be very useful to me and I need to study a better course. Although there are some reputed colleges in India like IITs, PEC, Punjab University but getting admission into these colleges is very difficult.

On the other hand, I found out that the good foreign universities provide very good courses that are designed in collaboration with the industry experts. They teach latest methods and encourage students to handle projects independently. The universities also offer internship opportunities where students get the real work exposure. This helps them find excellent job opportunities all over the world. So after carefully thinking about everything, I decided that if I will invest my 2 years more in studies, I will make a very good future for myself. Thus, I chose to study Master of Information Technology as it will widen my career scope and is also related to my field.

**Reasons for choosing Australia and not any other country**

I have done detailed research of all the top study destinations where students go for their education. Firstly, I searched universities in Canada offering IT courses like the University of Toronto, York University. But the process of getting admission into Canadian universities is very lengthy and difficult and also the weather remains extremely cold in that country which will not be suitable to me. The cost of living and studying is also very high in Canada. Then I looked for USA universities like Mercer University, Florida University but again the the fees structure of all the good universities is very high and not in our budget. Then they require 4 years of bachelors for studying a master degree course but I have done 3 years of bachelors. Also it is very difficult to get admission into USA universities and there is no guarantee of getting a visa. So I looked for Australian universities and finalised this country as my study destination.

Australia is currently the 3rd most favourable study destination in the world. It is known to deliver quality education to the students and at an affordable price. It is a beautiful and a developed country that has lot of top level multinational IT companies. I found out that the experts and professionals from such companies help universities in making the curriculum. Those experts also guide students and provide them practical exposure under them. The universities provide highly advanced and latest infrastructure, labs and other equipments to the students and for this reason many universities of Australia are ranked in the top universities of the world. The government is also supportive towards international students and it provides almost 200 million of scholarship opportunities to international students. Australian universities are globally recognised and after studying from here, students get very good employment opportunities all over the world. Talking about its culture, it is a very safe country and students from all over the world come here for studies. So by studying there, I will get a very good exposure.

**Reasons for choosing Monash University**

After I took the decision to study abroad, I started looking for different universities in Australia for MIT course. Some universities that I selected were La Trobe University, RMIT University, Deakin University and Monash University. No doubt all the universities are good but based upon the ranking, location course curriculum, fee structure and excellent features offered by the university for MIT students, I liked Monash University the best.

Firstly, I was impressed to find out about its reputation that it is ranked at no. 75 in the world by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020. It is known to have world class facilities and the students is also given 5 star ratings for their qualification and teaching methods. The pass-outs of this university are known to get excellent employment opportunities all across the world as the students are prepared for the latest job needs. The courses are designed by professionals who understand the work requirements and accordingly train the students. I also checked my chosen course and was satisfied to find out that it will prepare me for senior job roles like security systems analyst, systems designer, data security specialist etc. that are in high demand in the market today. Not only this, the course is accredited by Australian Computer Society (ACS) and after the completion of the course; I will be eligible to apply for the membership. The fees structure of this university is also in my budget.

**About the Master of Information Technology Program at Monash University**

This course will also equip me with the knowledge which is the current need of the industry. Therefore to upgrade my knowledge and qualification in IT sector, I have finalized to study this course. The study of this course will equip me with the knowledge of concepts related to software development, database management. I will also get practical training during the study of my course. This course will diversify my field and after studying this course, I can work in IT firms. I also searched over the internet that IT jobs are growing at a rapid rate. This field will provide me with the opportunity to use my technical skills to produce some innovative ideas. Along with that this is field in which a person never stops learning. One of the most positive factors is the amount of money that I will make by working in IT sector. I can expect high salaries in my future career. These are the few reasons for which I choose Master of Information Technology as my purposed course.

By doing this course I will fully equip myself with the advanced skills in the field of IT as the course will provide me the good amount of practical exposure and theoretical learning. The major areas that I will be covering in this course are information security management, project management, data science, business analytics etc. The course will teach me to establish, maintain and develop IT systems in wide range of sectors like e-commerce, health, education, telecommunications etc. I will learn to solve complicated IT problems independently under the guidance of experts.

**Career Prospects**

The Master of Information Technology will equip me with the skills and knowledge to become a successful IT professional in one of the leading IT companies in India. I can get jobs such as Software Programmer, System Analyst, Database Administrator, IT Project Manager or Database Manager in leading IT firms like Infosys, IBM, Amazon and Ola which are all heavily dependent on IT professionals. The IT industry is a 150 billion dollar industry in India and is one of the biggest employers in India. The industry is growing rapidly every year especially in new technology areas such as business analytics, artificial intelligence and cloud computing. I believe that I will be very well qualified to get a good job with a starting salary of 70,000-90,000 rupees per month when I return back from Australia.

But before I come back to India I would like to take the opportunity to work in Australia by applying for the 2 year post study work visa. The reason is to gain a good hands-on experience in an international environment that will be highly valued when I will go back to India. I did research on the various job portals of Australia like SEEK and INDEED and found good opportunities for myself in the companies like Rocket Lab, Atlassian and Uber. Initially I may work at the entry level job roles like Data Security Executive, IT Assistant but later on this experience will be very beneficial for me when I return back to India. Australia has a very well developed IT sector using the latest IT technologies and I believe I can get to learn a lot by working there for some time. The expected salary that I can earn in Australia will be approx. $40,000-$50,000 per annum.

**Incentives to come back to India**

We are a very closely knitted family and we all love each other a lot. I am so thankful to my family that they are supporting me in fulfilling my dream. But they also have a desire that after completing my studies, I should come back to India and stay in India around them. Also, since we have lot of assets here so it will be very easy for me to settle in India. Moreover, after studying from Australia I will have a very good job opportunities in India. Thus, I will definitely come back to India after completing my qualification and gaining some experience.

**Visa Conditions**

As I am applying for visa subclass 500, I will have to maintain rules and regulations under this subclass. These rules and regulations are clearly mentioned on the website of Australian DHA (Department of Home Affairs) which came into effect from July 1, 2016. From the website of DHA, Australia, I clearly understand that I will follow the student visa conditions.

* I am not allowed to work more than 40 hours per fortnight
* I am not allowed to change my course provider for at least 6 months and have to register in the same university
* I will have to maintain OSHC (Overseas student health cover) for the entire duration of my stay in Australia
* I will notify Queensland University of Technology (DHA) within 7 days of my arrival in Australia and I also have to notify the same if I change my address within 7 days of address change and I have to maintain sufficient financial capacity to support my studies.
* I need to maintain 80% attendance
* I need to maintain 50% pass grade throughout the study program.

Also, I would like to mention that I do not have any previous visa history nor I have been rejected by any country.

Looking forward for a positive response from you.

Regards

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