

My address

The Visa Officer,
High Commission of Canada,
4 Anifowoshe Street,
Victoria Island Lagos,
Nigeria.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Statement of Purpose of {name}

In the changing field of Science and Engineering, each new day sees a succession of new concepts and as the days go by these new concepts become obsolete. To be able to cope with these changes, I wish to attain the highest level of education. The vast application potential when combined with management always fascinates me, and I am keen to continue my academic pursuit in this direction. A passion for attaining expertise in Systems Science and becoming a part of the powerful technological workforce of my country, are the goals of my Graduate Study. It would help hone my skills, earn proficiency and seek professional exposure. A graduate course would pave the way to learning hands-on experience and acquiring specialization in the desired field of study.

I graduated from Covenant University, with a Bachelor(s) Degree in Engineering. The course syllabus gave me comprehensive exposure to the core areas of Computer Engineering which broadened my understanding. During my internship, which lasted for six months, I had the opportunity to work with Linkserve Ltd- an Internet Service Provider. I worked as a Site Installation Engineer and also as Technical Support. The intern program gave me a sense of direction to what I wanted to accomplish in the future. I was introduced to various communication networks such as Satellite, Microwave, and Fiber. I picked up a keen interest to know how these systems functioned and operated. After Computer Engineering program, I have worked with {where I work}- an Internet Service Provider. My experience here has equipped me with the fundamentals of communication systems through a well-structured series of projects done in Nigeria and beyond. It has given me insight into the field and motivated me to seek an improvement in my System Science career field. I have worked for {where I work}. almost three years, and now I have decided to enhance my skills to take my career to the next level. Besides the work experience it is also of utmost importance for me to specialize in this field. To this end I am looking forward to a Post Graduate Program that would enable me specialize in my area.

Canada is not only known for its tourist attraction, cultural diversity, and serene environment but is also one of the leading countries in research and innovation in a variety of science and technology. I short-listed two universities, for my advanced degree program

one in Canada and other in United Kingdom. After an extensive consultation and scrutinizing course contents in various Canadian universities, I am convinced beyond reasonable doubt that Canada's Masters Degree program is the best choice. Canada has developed a top grade educational system with high caliber and global recognition. I deliberated on many factors while opting to study in Canada. For instance, the one-on-one attention that professors pay to the graduate students, small class size at the graduate level and also the tuition fee was much considerate as compared to graduate schools in United Kingdom. The tuition fees and living expenses are also in favor of Canada when compared to United Kingdom with equally good education. Finally, I selected Canada because the content of my proposed program of study in the area of Science and Engineering is well structured. Canada being a rapidly growing economy fuels my research in the field of science and engineering.

The University of Ottawa "uOttawa" is one of the best top 20 universities in Canada. It's the largest bilingual (English- French) University in the world today. Programs in uOttawa are taught both in English and French. I have a keen interest in learning French and being taught in French as well. I would like to voice my ideas and communicate my thoughts in more than one language. The core values of uOttawa are amongst many: putting students at the center of the educational mission, promoting bilingualism and strengthening Francophone community, practicing and promoting an ethic of service and civic responsibility. The facility at uOttawa would accord me the ability to grow, learn and excel in my future career. Teaming up with people from different ethnic backgrounds and cultures would help me develop an international network. I would like to make my contribution to Canada through the Destination 2020 which is going on in uOttawa today.

During my baccalaureate in Covenant University, I studied various fields in Control Systems, Communication Networks, Embedded Systems and so on. However, the course work was broad in nature, I believe a Masters Degree with extensive and focused research will put me on the right path. The emphasis in System Science is on the development of analytical and integration skills for use in the resolution of complex applied problems that require a broad-based perspective. It educates students in the engineering and science of systems. Graduates are equipped with engineering outlook and engineer's competence of their own and able to interact fully with other engineers. Also, graduates possess sufficient proficiency in computer use to design algorithms for control, estimation optimization and simulation. This program will open the way for new research to help decision-makers understand the mechanisms and complexity of engineering, economic, social, management, and technological systems. Also, it would help me address the theory, methodology and applications underlying systems science and system engineering.

There is no University in Nigeria that offers a Post Graduate in Masters of System Science. Moreover Masters degree programs in Nigeria are not commendable, as students seldom get access to research resources and lack the ability to practice professionally. Large class size and lack of interest or requisite supervision by the professors is what led me to choose Canada as my research destination. Thus, for my research interests and plans, a degree in System Science from Canada will be a significant addition to my credentials. The acquisition of post graduate degree will help me in contributing to my country in the future as currently there is hardly much competition in this field. Also, it will significantly enhance my job

prospects in both public and private sectors.

Systems Science provides the student a broad range of areas that emphasize transdisciplinary work in the general system analysis. In the case of Nigeria's engineering industry sector, many high-technology industries spring up today but proper expertise is required for these industries to maximize its full potential. For example communication network has become a lucrative market in Nigeria in the last 15 years. At the moment, the industry is not performing at its peak due to lack of knowledge and skilled persons. For these reasons, I have decided to obtain a Masters degree in System Science, to make my contribution to the industrial engineering sector. Also, the Nigerian labor market put preference on individuals with foreign degrees having the knowledge of up-to-date technologies and international exposure. For better future in Nigeria, I have opted for a Masters Degree in Canada. Upon completion of my program, I will return to *{where I work}*, to be promoted to a managerial position.

Finally, I firmly believe that a prosperous future in *{where I work}*, that will lead to increase in the GDP of Nigeria is largely dependent upon getting a specialized education from Canada. Similarly, my mind will be expanded more by learning from my prospective graduate fellows. This Masters Degree Program will help me professionally and in the future.

The following documents are attached to this application to support my application for a study visa to Canada.

Academic qualifications:

- 1) Offer and Letter of Admission from the University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
- 2) Baccalaureate Certificate from Covenant University.

Employment:

- 1) Employment letter from *{where I work}*
- 2) My Resume

Financial qualification:

1. Statement of Account from my mother's pension account showing she has **4 million Naira (C\$ 25,000)**
2. Statement of Account from my mother's company account showing she has **5 million Naira (C\$ 31, 250)**
3. Letter and sworn affidavit of support from my mother stating she is my sponsor.
4. Letter and sworn affidavit of support from my Uncle, Owoidogho Ukpogong stating he is my co-sponsor and is willing to support me with **\$ 22 thousand USD (C\$31,000)** each

year

5. Statement of account from my Uncle's 401K account.
6. My Statement of account stating a closing balance of 1 million Naira (**C\$ 6,250**) for miscellaneous
7. Tenancy Agreement stating the amount of **4.3 million Naira (C\$ 26,800)** on my mother's properties for lease per annum

Cost of my studies: \$ 37,000 per year this includes tuition, books, supplies, bus transportation, food, health insurance etc.

Funds Available: **\$ 89, 050**

PS: The conversions were done at the rate of 1 Canadian Dollar to 159.15 Naira on 4th June, 2015.

Other Documents:

1. Completed and signed IMM1294E and IMM5645E forms.
2. Police Character Certificate
3. Data page of national passport
4. Passport photograph
5. Birth Certificate
6. Approval of Study Leave stating I would be paid part of my monthly salary

Please consider my application for the study permit of Canada. Thank you for reviewing the application and going through all the documents.

Yours Faithfully,

{my name}