

I am X, aged 18 years, hailing from the X, in Y state, India. This city is known as Y City because it has Plant' which mainly produces Z for the country's entire Railway system. The city is also known for its cultural diversity and greenery.

I live in X with my mother, aunt and grandmother. My mother works for the State Government and my aunt teaches in a public school. My grandmother, who is the head of the family, is a homemaker. While we live a simple life, I believe I have imbibed good values from my family. I did my schooling from School, a reputed school of the city. I chose Math, Physics and Chemistry as my main subjects, with Physical Education as optional subject. I was a good student all through, and appreciated by my teachers, both for academics as well as extracurricular activities. **I participated in Math and Science Olympiads conducted by Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) of India.** I also participated in science exhibitions, environment related activities, cleanliness and literacy campaigns within the city and nearby areas. All these helped develop my organizing ability, working with people and taking the lead when called for. I enjoy playing cricket and am presently learning to play the guitar.

Since my early days, I was fascinated watching construction work. I watched my school building being expanded, and often spoke to the construction workers and supervisors, learning about their experiences. I also watched buildings, roads and bridges being constructed in the city, and wanted to learn the science and technology involved in these. I read of projects being taken up by our Government such as low cost housing, and structures to withstand the forces of Nature. I sometimes read of minor and major incidents related to safety, and all these aroused a great curiosity and interest in me to want to join construction engineering as a profession.

I heard from my seniors and friends about study opportunities in Canada. Exploring on the Internet, I came to know that Canada is a wonderful place to study in, for various reasons. It provides world class education accepted around the world. Hence thousands of students like to study in Canada. Education in Canada is comparatively affordable as compared to other countries. Faculties are drawn from academia as well as industry. Canadian society is very tolerant and welcoming; hence students can pursue their studies in a peaceful and supportive atmosphere. Students are also eligible to work part time during their course or during break periods.

After searching for many colleges, I found myself attracted to Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT). Situated in picturesque Calgary, Alberta, SAIT has been known as a center of excellence for decades. As seen from videos, the infrastructure is impressive with beautiful buildings, laboratories and classrooms. It engages experienced faculty and industry experts for providing job oriented education. It also offers awards to students based on academic success, financial need and community involvement.

SAIT offers a two year Civil Engineering Technology (CVT) program split into four semesters, beginning in the first week of January and September every year. **After going through the course curriculum I found that courses in 1st year are common for every student while students are given option to choose between Construction Management and Municipal Major in 2nd year which I feel is the essence of the program.** While I find the entire CVT program of interest, Construction Management appeals to me the most as I believe my leadership abilities can help me be a good construction manager. While managing groups of people can be a challenge, a good leader can

keep his team motivated and get outstanding results. I believe that as a construction manager I would get enough time to work on the field and monitor processes myself, as well as devote time to learn new skills by taking up different and innovative tasks. I feel that while this job would satisfy my personal passion, it would also give me a financially sound future to secure my family life.

After completion of the course from SAIT, I would like to make use of the post study work permit to gain practical experience in Canada, learning modern techniques thereafter I will come back to India and work for the development of my country, mixing the learning with local technologies to ensure better infrastructure that would be cost effective, safe and environment friendly. I would particularly like to bring technologies such as disaster resistant infrastructure because I see whenever any disaster hits any part of our country, thousands of lives are lost and it takes decades for rehabilitation of people and restoration of infrastructure, costing millions.

Yours sincerely,

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