

Statement of Purpose

Brought up in the family of economists, I have always been fascinated by an intricate nature of the world of economics and an attempt to put numbers in a meaningful equation to ultimately predict future economic trends. Being one of those students who enjoyed puzzles and logic games, I was among the only girls who always took part in Math and Physics competitions. Finally, years later, my 3rd place in the University Entrance Competition in Economics was acknowledged with a full-funded merit scholarship to explore the exciting world of Economics at [Название Университета]. My academic and research engagements during my undergraduate years motivated me to seek Master's in Economics in order to acquire specialized skills to analyze global economic phenomena. Being at the forefront of the world academia in the field of economics Oxford University offers a full-fledged preparation to ensure a comprehensive set of tools and a spectrum of opportunities to undertake advanced economic analysis under ever-changing global conditions.

As a Bachelor student of Economics I developed both important theoretical and practical background to engage in economic research. My core disciplines in Micro- and Macroeconomic theories as well as Econometrics and Game Theory gave me important conceptual foundation to undertake more complex analyses. One of the most exciting and practical research projects during my undergraduate degree became my third-year semester research work in the field of institutional economics that explored the relationships between freedom of press and the level of corruption. Integration of various instruments of Econometrics and Game Theory analysis such as nash equilibrium in three-player game and instrumental variables allowed me to indentify correlation between these parameters. I concluded that press can effectively combat corruption under the condition of the presence of strong judicial system of punishment of bribery. In the framework of game theory, such factors as legal guarantee of rights and freedoms determine the decision-making process of a journalist: either to fight corruption while guaranteed protection or to remain neutral when having to life security. The complexity of economic instruments employed in this research and topic actuality in Russia's highly corrupted economic and political environment earned the highest recognition from the Department of Economics in the annual student research project competition. Moreover, this paper was nominated for the [Название Конференции] in Moscow and selected among hundreds for participation.

Although the process of presenting my first research paper to a large multinational audience was frightening, the experience and skills gained were even more important. First of all, my presentation and the following Q&A session have not only improved my ability to communicate complex ideas across a diverse audience clearly but also have revealed the importance of public scrutiny as the critical component of academic work. Moreover, I truly experienced the motivating and passionate spirit of an academic environment. It provides both a chance to learn from the expertise and gain important feedback for further professional development. This school played a critical role in steering my further academic motivation in the direction of advanced Economics training with a strong research component. I, therefore, distinguish Oxford University's for a combination of advantages offered by the Department of Economics and features of the Program.

Given my focus on research component, the Department of Economics of Oxford University motivates me by the availability of resources to produce highly rated annual research output. I value a large and renowned body of faculty and researchers as well as a wide range of modern economic research fields to choose from as an opportunity to receive important assistantship in pursuit of my academic engagements. Considering my set of interests in Behavioral Economics, Economics of Education, Game Theory, Institutional Economics and Decision Theory, I appreciate the opportunity to obtain expert advice and potentially undertake research under the guidance of such professors as Dr. [Имя Профессора], Dr. [Имя Профессора], Dr. [Имя Профессора], and Dr. [Имя Профессора]. Furthermore, having had limited exposure to finance coursework and different types of econometric analysis during my undergraduate

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education, I will also greatly benefit from advanced courses in Financial Economics as well as sophisticated econometric techniques offered in the program, in order to acquire a holistic preparation in economics.

I have a great appreciation for the academic and technical tools taught through the program's curriculum, but also feel very motivated by their applicability to the realities of the current global economic development. The Department's strong external ties with international organization such as World Bank, IMF and WTO, the leading research journals and participation in annual high-profile lectures provide important opportunities to stay at the frontier of economic trends. Finally, after completing my undergraduate career surrounded by a dominant Russian perspective, I am very motivated by the international student body and, hence, intellectual interchange of such environment. I believe that Master Program's holistic approach to economic research will equip me with all the necessary tools to open my doors to the DPhil studies.