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## Statement of Purpose

Continuing studies in Economics on post grad level is essential for my further development as a professional in the field of Institutional Economics. That is why I would like to study at Oxford University. Being one of the best Universities in the World Oxford University has all the resources that are essential for efficient education. In this letter I would like to outline incentives for getting a Master's degree in Economics, the reasons why Oxford University is my choice, and plans for future carrier.

Economics has always been an important part of my life. Since childhood I was surrounded by economists; my mother is professor at [Название Университета], and my older brother pursued the same carrier. In such circumstances, being an economist was inevitable for me. And after studying various disciplines in the field of Economics I realized how mechanisms that operate beneath economic decisions are fascinating and gracefully organized.

Since high school I have always enjoyed logic and order in disciplines. That is why I really enjoyed Maths and Physics and even got to the class with major in these disciplines. While my senior year I decided to apply for Economic Theory at the [Название Университета]. As a part of my application I participated in Olympiad in economics, and as a result I got 3rd place. This Olympiad was the first time I encountered real economic problems. It made me realize that economic theory is what I want to learn.

My studies while obtaining BA degree gave me good background in basic economic subjects such as Micro- and Macroeconomics, Statistics, Trade Theory, etc. Such disciplines as Econometrics and Game Theory gave basis for theories in my perception of the world. Symbiosis of theory and practice is what I like most about Economic Theory. First you have to come up with theoretic background for a situation, than using mathematical instruments you need to prove it. For me economic research is making order out of chaos.

For example, the research I did during my third year was about connection between free press and level of corruption. The most important result for me was understanding the mechanism of decision making much better. Such instruments as Econometrics and Game Theory enabled me to determine the correlation between these two very different parameters. This paper was my first serious project in the University. And presenting this paper at [Название Конференции] in Moscow was essential experience. It allowed me to get feedback of my work and develop it further.

For this school my paper was elected from hundreds of applicants. Presenting it was frightening, I must admit. But skills I learned there were much more important. During the Summer School I listened to ideas of other participants and experts, learned how to present my work properly, realized what a good economic research is. Also I was surrounded by people with the same interests as I have. For instance, instead of usual "how are you doing?", I constantly heard "what is your research about?". This attitude towards people around is what I am looking for in studying further in life. This school helped me to understand my goals and desires. I want to do research in the biggest universities of the world. In order to do that I need to become an experienced economist by getting a Master's Degree. Than I would like to continue my academic career in a PhD program.

As my research interests I can highlight Behavior Economics, Economics of Education, Game Theory, Institutional Economics, Decision Theory. Considering these directions of economic theory I believe that Oxford University suits best for continuing my studies. I would greatly enjoy working with such professors as Dr. [Имя Профессора], Dr. [Имя Профессора], Dr. [Имя Профессора], and Dr. [Имя Профессора].

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Although I have a quite wide range of research interests I believe that M.Phil program in Oxford University is the perfect opportunity for me to fulfill knowledge required for any successful researcher. Applying for M.Phil program I look forward to extending and enlarging my experience in economic mechanisms and instruments, which will enable me to become a great academic.