

Dear Sir or Madam,

With this letter I hereby wish to apply and state my motivation for entrance to the Master program in Welfare Economics at the University of XXX for the 2014/15 academic year.

I appreciate this opportunity to introduce myself at your University and I perceive it as a perfect opportunity to support my application for the Master program in Welfare Economics offered by your University. With my educational background and working experience, I strongly believe that I am a suitable candidate for the programme. I have chosen this University as my first choice because of valuable scholarly resources and well-known reputation of the highly qualified education of the University of XXX.

Since I was young I have always had a keen interest in Economics. I began to subscribe to the periodicals dealing with current events since middle school. At the university, I focused more on the economic welfare and took some elective courses in political economy and economic theory. Through the program, I not only made a systematic study of principle of economics, but also learnt the economical analytical methods to public policy, such as Game Theory, Principal-Agent theory and Taxation theory and principles. My dissertation was in the field of public finance and policy impacts on social welfare. My research results were accepted provisionally by the relevant department of municipal council and I was invited to contribute to the dialogue. Since then, I found my passion on welfare economics, and I set my profession goal being an economic adviser of welfare policy and contributing to improve the lives of ordinary people.

I believe that countries in North Europe are perfect place for studying welfare policy. Since your University is the only university which offers a program combining economics and social welfare policy in a master's degree, I have decided to place my application for Master degree programme here. After I read carefully the curriculum and the course requirements, I believe that it perfectly matches my research interests and profile. Thanks to the University website, I gained useful information about the University campus and the student life. Bearing in mind the previous I believe I can fit perfectly achieving ideal academic results.

As I understand, this programme is very competitive, attracting highly motivated students, but I am convinced that my good record at the University and professional experience give me a strong recommendation for a place at it. Therefore I would be honoured if you decide to accept my candidatedship for Master studies. In the same time I am aware of possible challenges and high investments of effort I will have to place in order to successfully complete this course.

Thank you in advance for considering my application.

Yours faithfully,