

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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COURSE: MASTER PROGRAMME IN ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN DESIGN

MY JOURNEY

Being from the land of many architecture wonders, the monuments and buildings have always intrigued me from my childhood. I was mesmerized and surprised by the effects various buildings and spaces have on our being. As I have been passionate about drawing and art from a young age, I chose a career which would help me channelize my creativity and my passion for expressing my art in a manner that improves our day to day life. The first step I took towards my dream was enrolling for Architecture for my bachelor's degree. During my undergraduate studies, I had attended various seminars and discussions, which influenced me a lot to get more knowledge in the area of construction, further directed my passion towards this subject. My university studies focused on theoretical aspects rather than practical aspects. To gain practical experience I started my career as an Architect at Chandy Consultants, Kerala in 2020. Working here has immensely increased my knowledge for architecture and interior design, especially on a regional level. I had the opportunity to handle projects from initial briefing through to the last stages of construction. One such project was Redesign of Shakthan Thampuran Roundabout, which is an iconic landmark for the city of Thrissur. The design demanded coupling traditional construction techniques with the current digital tools. As I wanted to widen my opportunities and challenge myself on a global scale, I joined as an Architect at one of the leading firms in Dubai. I have been working as a senior architect at Interspace Interior Design, Dubai from 2022 and has handled several prestigious small and large scale projects in residential, mercantile, business, hospitality and healthcare. During my experience, I have gained a strong knowledge of construction practices on an international level and has gained the ability to work collaboratively in a team oriented environment. One of my major projects is Emirates Career and Services Center for which I lead the project team from the initial stages of concept design, planning, visualization till submission of detailed architectural and interior drawings. I was a key player for numerous projects of VFS and has procured building approval/ sanction for various projects acting as the project architect. Even though my work has been rewarding and inspiring thus far, it has allowed me to reflect upon the importance of Urban Design in architecture. With the ever increasing population and booming construction, efficient urban planning and construction is the way forward. So far in my journey I have been successful in writing my story and I am confident that I have it in me to go ahead and make significant contributions to the field of Urban Design. Besides academia, I am interested in reading and travelling, both of which I believe imparts new insights from diverse perspectives.

COURSE JUSTIFICATION

Pursuing my Master of Architecture and Urban Design will act as a perfect platform to achieve various skill sets and knowledge which are necessary for fulfilling my future goals and help me become a better

professional. It allows me to integrate business with technology which is very necessary for the success in today's competitive world and I am pretty sure that the learning experience and resources at Czech Republic will further nurture my skills and help me grow as a true professional. The profound impacts of urbanization on human health and urbanization are barely unknown. No-one can deny that combating global concerns like climate change ball down to local initiatives that can change habits and urban lifestyles, resulting in reduction in ecological footprint. With 70% world population expected in urban areas by 2050, cities have to be the centers for healthy living. While some megacities are already struggling to cope with the current inflow of people, we need to create smart cities in order to make these urban areas more livable and truly sustainable. As an Architect the concept of Smart Cities has always got me interested in city planning which makes it the primary reason for me to pursue my Masters in Architecture and Urban Planning.

WHY TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF LIBEREC?

TUL University is one of the well – recognized universities in Czech Republic and has been credited very high by various education websites. The university provides hands-on-problem solving exercises and high class teaching experience which helps in landing strong foundations of any successful career. The university is well recognized for its innovative approach and helps the students to gain competitive advantages over others. Through my research I have found that studio teaching takes place in a unique open studio, creating a shared environment for all the students. The university also offers top notch technical equipment and specialized laboratories. The study module for the course would introduce me to novel approaches and help me grow as a good Urban Planner in the future. Finally, to ensure achievement of excellence by adding value to the organization through competency and integrity. To achieve my above objectives I look forward to pursue my Master of Architecture and Urban Planning from the prestigious Technical University of Liberec.

WHY CZECH REPUBLIC?

Liberec is currently one of the most popular destination for international students. I chose to study there because of the cultural diversity, friendly natives, and high standard of education. From my research I have understood that Liberec is an ideal blend of countryside, history, culture and modern architecture. Another reason for pursuing my masters from Czech is that it is understood that the modules there are organized effectively and are always updated with respect to changing trends in global competitive environment. This allows me to learn accordingly and get myself prepared for the present as well as the future challenges and opportunities.

FUTURE PLANS

My goal is to excel in the field of Urban Planning as an Architect. A specialization in Masters of Architecture and Urban Planning is an added bonus for working on large scale urban projects and city infrastructure. As a masters graduate I would go on to find careers in planning, design and development, as well as in areas such as transport, economic development, housing, urban regeneration and tourism. This recognized master's degree from Czech Republic, and good international exposure from TUL, would surely help me to find a suitable job in any part of the world or in my own home country. My goal is to take the greatest shot possible. By pursuing a masters in Architecture and Urban Planning, I hope to get closer to my dream of becoming an Urban Planner.