

Statement of Academic Objectives

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My aspiration to pursue a Master of Environmental Studies at The Evergreen State College stems from a deepening awareness of the intersection between business, finance and environmental sustainability. With a background in business studies and seven years of experience in the banking sector, I have gained extensive knowledge in financial management, corporate strategy and product development. However, over time, I have come to recognize the critical role that environmental considerations play in shaping economic growth and sustainable business practices. This realization has inspired me to transition into the field of environmental studies, where I can integrate my financial expertise with environmental sustainability to contribute to responsible economic and ecological policies.

Academically, I hold a Master of Business Studies (MBS) with a GPA of 3.48 from Tribhuvan University, Nepal, and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a specialization in Finance from Kathmandu College of Management, Kathmandu University, Nepal. Both programs provided me with a solid theoretical grounding in business principles and quantitative analysis, which I have applied extensively in my professional roles. Additionally, my academic education was conducted entirely in English, ensuring strong communication skills that will support my engagement in research and collaborative learning environments.

My professional experience at Nepal SBI Bank Ltd. has provided me with valuable insights into corporate social responsibility initiatives, sustainable financial products and the evolving role of businesses in addressing environmental challenges. Working in the New Business Group at the Corporate Office in Kathmandu, I have been directly involved in product innovation, branding, and branch expansion, where

I have witnessed firsthand how financial decisions can have long-term environmental and social implications. Through this work, I have developed a growing interest in sustainability and the role financial institutions can play in promoting environmental responsibility.

My interest in environmental studies is driven by the realization that financial and business strategies must align with sustainable development to ensure long-term economic resilience. In emerging markets like Nepal, environmental degradation, climate change and resource depletion pose significant challenges, making it imperative for businesses and financial institutions to adopt sustainable practices. I am eager to explore how environmental policies, conservation efforts and sustainable business models can be integrated to create economic opportunities while safeguarding natural resources.

The interdisciplinary approach of the Master of Environmental Studies program at The Evergreen State College aligns perfectly with my academic and professional aspirations. The program's emphasis on systems thinking, policy analysis, and sustainable resource management will provide me with the tools to bridge the gap between business and environmental studies. I am particularly interested in exploring how financial strategies can support sustainable development initiatives, green investments and corporate environmental responsibility.

As a professional with a business background, I bring a unique perspective that blends financial expertise with a strong motivation to drive environmental change. Through this program, I aim to develop a comprehensive understanding of environmental systems and policies while leveraging my financial knowledge to advocate for sustainable economic solutions. I am confident that The Evergreen State College will provide the ideal academic environment for me to achieve these

goals, and I look forward to contributing to its diverse and dynamic learning community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am eager for the opportunity to pursue my academic and professional aspirations through this program.