

Dear Sir / Madam,

My name is Rami Hafez Fahed. I am writing to you because I am applying for a student visa. I can explain my main motivation for this important step in my life by stating that I am a determined person, with great ambition, and a positive attitude. I want to pursue my education, which is hard to do here in Syria, especially after the war.

Since my childhood, I have dreamed of becoming a dentist. I was influenced by my uncle when I used to visit him at his clinic. I saw his humanitarian work and how he helped to ease his patients' pain. After that I began to read about Dentistry and I found myself in this field. I was determined to do my best in order to study it, and I was actually able to finish school with a grade that would allow me to study any field I want. Dentistry was my first choice. When I started studying at university, I came into contact with scientific research and new achievements in this field, and ever since then I have had another ambition, which is to have an impact in the field of scientific research in dentistry after my graduation.

I have chosen Germany because of the advances its universities have made in all specialties, particularly in Dentistry, and for the possibilities available for students to build their potential and progress at all levels. There are about 265,000 young people from around the world studying and researching at German universities. German society is shaped by a plurality of lifestyles and truly different ethnic diversity.

One of my older brothers is an operations manager in the Czech Republic and the other is a professor at the University of Quebec in Canada. Both of them offered to help me to continue my studies where they live, but despite this I insisted on continuing my studies in Germany. They respected my decision and are supporting me by opening a closed account in my name in Germany and by promising to provide for my living expenses while I study in Germany.

When I was deciding which university I would like to study at, my main concerns were that it would be recognised by the Syrian Ministry of Higher Education and that it would be relatively close to the Czech Republic, where my brother lives. I therefore felt that Leipzig University was the best opportunity for me, especially after learning that Leipzig University has been placed as the best

university in the New Länder and among the top 25 in Germany for the fourth consecutive year , according to the Shanghai Ranking. I was even further convinced by the fact that a European Commission survey showed that Leipzig is among the three big cities in Europe with the highest quality of life, while the New York Times calls it one of the top ten destinations.

I want to learn the German language because I will study in Germany, so that is an opportunity to perfect my knowledge of global language among native speakers. That will allow me to integrate into German society and to get to know the great German culture better. Furthermore, my professor at university, who studied in Germany, advised me that mastering this language will without a doubt open new doors for me. I have actually begun to study this language using the internet at home.

I will put the utmost effort into finishing my studies and achieving the best possible results. I am certain that with my intellectual skills and volition I will be a good part of this promotion program, considering that I finished high school with a grade of 1.24 on my diploma (Modified Bavarian Formula) and I obtained a license as a doctor in dentistry despite the circumstances of war in my country. An opportunity to study in Germany will broaden my horizons and will give me an opportunity to gain a world class education.

Yours faithfully,

Rami Hafez Fahed