LETTER OF MOTIVATION

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VISA	National visa for study (§ 16b)	PROGRAMME	MSc Computer Science
UNIVERSITY	[University name], [city]	SEMESTER	Winter semester 2027/28
PROOF OF MONEY	Blocked account, [provider], EUR 11,904	APS NO.	Not required (certificates from Nepal)
PASSPORT	PA0000000		

Visa Section
Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Kathmandu

Letter of motivation: MSc Computer Science, [University name], [city]

Dear Sir or Madam,

I studied for a Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering at a Pokhara University college from 2019 to 2023 and graduated with a CGPA of 3.45 out of 4. I chose computing because I built small websites for shops in Pokhara while at school and wanted to understand how larger systems work. The course covered programming, data structures, databases, computer networks and operating systems, and in the final year I built a booking system for trekking agencies with two classmates as our project. Since August 2023 I have worked as a software engineer at an IT company in Lalitpur, where I build and maintain backend services for a client in the Netherlands. My transcripts, degree certificate and experience letter are attached.

I have been admitted to the MSc in Computer Science at [university] for the winter semester 2027/28. It is a four-semester programme of 120 ECTS credits, taught in English, and I will specialise in distributed systems. The modules I have chosen, Distributed Systems, Cloud Computing and IT Security, follow from my work: our services now run on several servers, and the faults I spend most time on are ones my bachelor's course never covered. I looked at the master's courses I could join in Kathmandu, but none offered a specialisation in distributed systems with a thesis written inside a research group. At [university] the distributed systems group takes master's students for project work and theses, and fault-tolerant systems, its main research area, is what I want to write my thesis on.

I chose Germany over the United Kingdom and Australia, the other two countries I looked at, for three reasons. Its master's programmes in computer science last two years and end in a research thesis, rather than one year of taught courses. Public universities charge no tuition for this programme; I will pay a semester contribution of about EUR 300, which includes a local transport ticket. And German industry, from car makers to machine builders, depends on the reliable distributed software I want to build. I understand that study there means a great deal of self-study and written exams at the end of each semester. I have passed the Goethe-Zertifikat A2 in Kathmandu and will continue German at the university's language centre, so that I can manage daily life and, later, work in German.

After the degree I want to work as a backend or cloud engineer. German law lets graduates stay for up to 18 months to look for skilled work, and I would like to spend two or three years with a German software company, where systems of a much larger scale are built. I then plan to return to Pokhara, where my family lives, and set up a small team that builds and runs software for clients abroad, as my present employer does in Lalitpur. Nepal's IT exports are growing, and engineers who have run large systems are still few. My employer has written that it would welcome me back in a senior role; the letter is attached.

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I have opened a blocked account and paid in EUR 11,904, which releases EUR 992 a month for the first year; the confirmation is attached. The money comes from my own savings since 2023 and from my father, who has run a pharmacy in Pokhara since 2005; his business registration, tax clearance and bank statements are attached with our relationship certificate. I have budgeted about EUR 380 a month for a room in a shared flat, EUR 140 for health insurance and EUR 300 for food and other costs. I may work part time within the limits for students, but my budget does not depend on it.

I have no gap in my studies or work. I have not applied for a visa to Germany or any other Schengen country before, and I have not been refused a visa for any country.

Yours sincerely,

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