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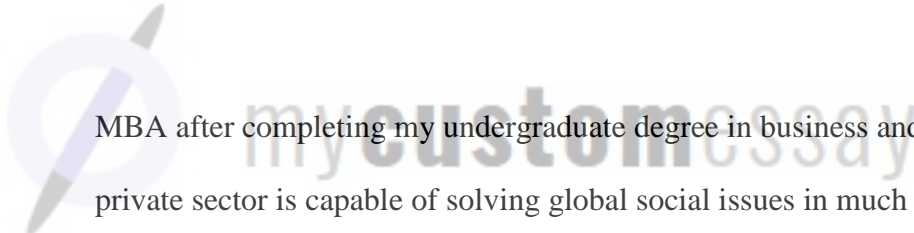
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### UT Austin Common App Essay

I consider myself a major information and news consumer and one of the major impacts of the internet has been that it has made us more aware of the social issues at both local and global level. In addition, I have also been fortunate to travel extensively and some of the countries I have visited include U.S., France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, and Mexico. Being exposed to different cultures help one expand his thinking horizon and also develop stronger cross-cultural skills. While the west has achieved significant economic and social progress, the same cannot be said for most parts of the world. This is why I want to work with private non-profit organizations to help address some of the major social issues in the world. It is my sincere desire to make this world a better place for those who do not live under as fortunate circumstances as me.

The philanthropy trend that has influenced my career choice is social entrepreneurship. The emergence of social entrepreneurship is a realization of the fact that the social problems we face far exceed the limited resources we have. In addition, the solution to social issues is not to provide temporary relief but to help the individuals stand on their feet. Not surprisingly, social entrepreneurship has borrowed a lot from the private sector, with its emphasis on efficient resource management and business-like approach to solving problems. This is I intend to pursue



MBA after completing my undergraduate degree in business and management. I believe the private sector is capable of solving global social issues in much better way than governments and with fewer resources. I feel confident this is the right career path for me and fortunately, my life experiences and skills have also prepared me well for such a career path.

Through extensive travel as well as interaction with people from different cultural backgrounds, I have become more open-minded and a better communicator. In addition, I have also been able to conquer a significant number of personal prejudices and stereotypes which will allow me to adapt to other cultures more quickly. I am also fluent in three languages which are English, French, and Spanish and which will enhance my ability to interact more efficiently with locals in other countries.

In high school, I have not only survived for academic excellence but have also been highly engaged in sports and co-curricular activities. I strongly agree with Roman poet Juvenal who emphasized the importance of having both sound body and sound mind. Sports and co-curricular activities have taught me the importance of working with others to achieve goals because no matter how capable or talented one may be, the goals are easier to reach when everyone joins hands. I hope I will keep these lessons in mind when I start my professional career as a social entrepreneur.

I have chosen University of Austin, Texas (UT, Austin) not only due to its rich tradition of academic excellence but also its ability to attract smart and intelligent students from different economic, social, and cultural backgrounds. I have met people who graduated from or are currently attending UT, Austin and almost everyone praised the university culture that emphasizes free thinking and promotes creativity. Many students told me that UT, Austin is an

ideal place to stimulate one's intellectual curiosity. I hope the university will help me enhance my creative potential as well.

I look forward to some of the most productive years of my life at UT, Austin and am confident that my experiences will exceed my expectations. I even believe there is a high possibility that I choose UT, Austin for my MBA as well. Hopefully, I will join the long list of UT, Austin alumni who are working hard to make this world a better place for everyone no matter which profession they may have chosen.