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Statement of purpose (sample, under 500 words)

Kavya Suresh (fictional) · MSc Data Science · Sample – fictional details. The people, employers, universities and addresses do not exist.

I studied physics because I wanted a precise way to describe messy measurements. During my B.Sc. at a fictional college in Kozhikode I spent two summers cleaning and plotting rainfall and temperature records for a student project with the geography department. The work was ordinary — dates that did not match, missing hours, a sensor that drifted — but it changed what I wanted to do next. I want to train as a data scientist who can be trusted with public and environmental data, not only with classroom exercises.

In the final-year project I built a simple model that flagged unlikely jumps in a three-year rainfall series and wrote a short note the department could reuse. I also completed two online courses in Python and SQL, and a statistics paper on regression, because I needed more than the physics lab stack. I am applying to your MSc Data Science programme because of the applied statistics stream and the chance to work with messy, real data sets in a structured way.

After the degree I hope to work with a research group or a public institution in India on environmental or health data, and later to teach. I read and write in English and Malayalam. I would be glad to join your laboratory or project group and to be assessed on careful work rather than on a slogan.

Word count: about 260. A paid SOP is written from the student's own facts, up to 500 words, with one revision.