

Letter of Motivation

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My name is Dina Mardiana. I'm a graduate from University of Indonesia with a major in French, and therefore I was granted a degree Bachelor of Humanities.

I have a big interest and passion in foreign languages, cultures and its people. It has grown since I was a little girl when I had the opportunity traveling to several countries abroad with my family for a vacation or holiday. My curiosity with the local cultures and languages of the local people also arise as we met them in the street or stopped by in a recreational place or tourist sites, for example. And so I had a dream that one day in the future I would get to know with them, learn their language, observe their customs and traditions, and things alike. I thought it would not just be an exciting experience but also something that would broaden my mindset and understanding towards different characters, various types of people. And it will always be a lifelong learning as what I have always discovered until now.

Since I was teenager, I have always dreamt to be a writer, translator and interpreter. I have published my writings in several magazines as well as three fiction books by well-known publishing companies in Indonesia such as Lingkar Pena Publishing House and Mizan. I also have experienced in translating several books from English into Indonesian which are best-selling titles such as "From Beirut to Jerusalem" written by dr.Ang Swee Chai and "The Exorcist", a novel adapted from the famous Hollywood film. It has made me become more interested in working for a publishing and translating industry.

So with these reasons above I'm giving a try for myself to be part of the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship Program. Not only I will practice my skills in foreign language, but also I will have the opportunity to learn many things in a more professional way, in an international atmosphere. Things like how to interact with different kinds of people in many situational contexts, how to communicate with ease with them, how to eliminate prejudices because of cultural barriers, also how to build a long-term relationship for professional purpose and for international, borderless friendship too. I think it's also a good thing if you have something in which you are skillful, and you share it with other people to enrich what you already have in yourself. So that's what I have in my mind on why I want to participate in this program. I'm sure by participating in Master CLE Erasmus Mundus Scholarship Program I will earn more knowledge and valuable experience, and at the same time share it with other people for a better future of us all.

Regards,
Dina Mardiana