Personal Statement

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I am very passionate about my studies here at The University of Guelph. I have taken advantage of a number of opportunities afforded to me and genuinely look forward to my future schooling endeavors. Over the past 3 years I have had the honor of volunteering in Professor Gonzalez-Morales’ research lab. Working alongside I.O. psychology graduate students and Professor Gonzalez-Morales herself, I have been involved in projects such as meta-analysis’, survey development, and the coding of qualitative interviews. It is my ambition to obtain a PhD in clinical psychology, and hopefully open my own practice.

Last year, I was fortunate to have the remarkable opportunity to study psychology at The University of Sydney. In Australia I remained involved in University life and built relationships with abnormal psychology graduate students. Back home in Canada, I have been volunteering with the Guelph organization, GoGirls, a group-mentoring program that promotes healthy living and self-esteem in young girls. I am also responsible for paying my own university expenses, which I manage by working part-time as a waitress.

At the conclusion of this semester, I will have completed both PSYC\*3380 and PSYC\*3370. I thoroughly enjoyed both courses and I have affirmed my passion for gender issues, positive psychology, issues in the workplace, sexual arousal/desire, and sexual problems. I believe myself to be well-rounded and hard working and I would be sincerely grateful for the opportunity to take part in The University of Guelph’s thesis program.

Thank you for your consideration.