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Letter of Motivation – Master’s Programme in Cybersecurity

I am writing to express my strong motivation to pursue advanced opportunities in cybersecurity. My name is Abraham Okwei Nortey from Accra, Ghana, and I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Information System Sciences. I also have over ten years of professional experience as a web developer. Through both my academic background and practical work with web platforms, I have developed a strong interest in cybersecurity, particularly after dealing with security breaches on websites I managed. Pursuing advanced training in cybersecurity is therefore a natural and important step in my career development.

My undergraduate studies in Information System Sciences provided me with a solid foundation in programming, databases, networking, systems analysis, and information management. These experiences sharpened my analytical thinking and strengthened my understanding of how information systems function. Alongside my academic journey, I have spent the past decade designing, deploying, and maintaining websites and web applications for individuals, startups, and organizations. This has equipped me with hands-on experience in web technologies, server environments, and the practical challenges involved in maintaining secure digital platforms.

My interest in cybersecurity grew significantly when some of the websites I managed were targeted and compromised by cyberattacks. Responding to these incidents required me to study common web vulnerabilities, strengthen security configurations, secure databases, and improve authentication and access control systems. These real-world challenges exposed me to the serious consequences of weak security and motivated me to pursue a deeper, more structured understanding of cybersecurity.

I am particularly interested in gaining advanced knowledge in areas such as network security, secure systems, cryptography, and risk management. I am eager to build on my existing skills and transition into a role where I can proactively design and implement robust security solutions rather than only reacting to threats.

My long-term goal is to specialize in protecting web-based platforms and digital infrastructures, especially in developing regions where cybersecurity awareness and expertise are still growing. With my background in web development and information systems, combined with advanced cybersecurity training, I aim to contribute to building safer and more resilient digital environments in Ghana and beyond.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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