Personal History Statement
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I was not a regular student by a traditional standard; I entered military service as a navy sergeant after my graduation from high school. Discharged from the navy, I went abroad to the US to fulfill my dream of studying in an American college. The high cost of tuition and living expenditure compelled me to work part-time on campus. After transferring to UCLA, I continued my work-study program as IT-crew at UCLA Co-op, whose extracurricular activity fruitfully exposed me to a variety of people and culture for which I thank so much.

Returning to Korea after graduation, I was so fortunate to work for Samsung Electronics as software engineer these two years. Although my job was rewarding and lucrative in a sense, my dream at the moment of college graduation was elsewhere, that is, to pursue academic research which was discrete from an industrial work at a company. However, thanks to my cooperative job as Software Engineer, now I am more confident about Solid Programming Skill. I acquired the professional skill to deal with Audio, Accessibility, Account, and Content Framework at Android Framework R&D group.

I have attended two conferences relevant to my research subjects, which instigated me to study at graduate level institutes. The first conference I attended was CSUN Assistive Technology Conference whose main topics encompass Visual Sense, Audio Sense, and the technology developed for people with Cognitive Impairment. I was significantly moved by the advancement of the technology which would ultimately help those disabled people to overcome their physical barriers. I thought that was what I should do as my life-calling for the rest of my life.

The second conference was Interspeech 2018 held in Hyderabad India. I could sense distinctive traits which may be named “Indian.” As yet a developing nation, India has many problems ranging from weak infrastructure, so diverse a language and high illiteracy. However, I was impressed by the high standard of Indian IT as well as the researchers’ determined will to improve their cultural environment by their technology of Spoken Language.

To sum up, my dream come true is to make a significant contribution to the field of Speech Production, Speech Recognition, Code Switching, Technologies for low resources based on my study and research at your graduate course and my industrial experience at Samsung Electronics.