

Contributions to the Academic Community

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I believe my primary contributions to the student and research community can be summarised in two key points. The first is the *interdisciplinarity of my studies*, which spans the humanities and both social and natural sciences. The second is my extensive *international experience*, having lived in multiple countries, which I believe adds significant value to any academic environment. Lastly, although of lesser importance, are my personal interests outside of academia, ranging from ancient Greek and Latin literature to extreme sports and finance.

Starting with my *interdisciplinary background*, during my undergraduate studies, I took courses in moral philosophy, computer science, history, abstract algebra, and many other fields that might seem unrelated at first glance. However, within the broader context of my education and the clear direction I pursued in my graduate studies, each of these courses played a crucial role in shaping my intellectual development. This diverse academic foundation often positions me as an intermediary in dialogues between individuals from different departments who might otherwise face communication barriers.

Regarding my *international experience*, I have been immersed in diverse cultures from an early age. Born in Italy, I quickly transitioned into international settings, simultaneously learning and using different languages. By the time I was 21, I had lived in five different European countries, each with its own distinct cultural and linguistic landscape. This mobility was always motivated by my desire to join the best institutions that could further my academic passions. I am now eager to find a stable environment where I can benefit from rich resources without the need to relocate frequently.

Finally, I have always aspired to cultivate my interests outside my primary academic pursuits, though frequent moves have made this challenging. One of my ambitions is to establish a club for enthusiasts of ancient languages, particularly to facilitate gatherings where participants can learn to converse in Latin. If I can remain in one place for an extended period, such as the duration of a PhD program, I am excited to bring this idea to fruition. Additionally, for both practical reasons and personal interest, I am keen on enhancing my knowledge of personal finance and plan to take courses in this area during my time at university. I also intend to continue engaging in sports such as spearfishing, downhill mountain biking, and bouldering, which I have consistently practiced.