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Dear Members of the Admissions Committee,

I am writing to express my earnest interest in the Master's program in Gender Studies at the European Humanities University. My academic background in Sociology, alongside my experience as a member of an indigenous community in Bangladesh, has cultivated a deep passion for understanding social structures and gender dynamics.

Since my childhood I have always been interested to know social structure and its dynamics such as Gender, language, religion, Education etc. and also its role in changing our culture and society. My Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Noakhali Science and Technology University has provided me with a robust foundation in sociological theories and research methodologies. Courses such as Social Structure in Bangladesh, Family and Relationship Patterns, Gender Society and Development, Social Inequality, Introduction to Social Statistics, Classical Sociological Theory, and various research methods have been instrumental in shaping my academic trajectory. The curriculum at the European Humanities University, particularly of this program will significantly enrich my understanding and expertise in gender studies and align seamlessly with my aspiration to explore the intersections of gender, law, and policy, and to advocate for gender equality and human rights.

My undergraduate research titled "Cultural Integration among Indigenous Peoples in Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh" employed a mixed-method strategy to explore the effects of cultural assimilation on indigenous identity and legacy. Under the guidance of Dr. Syadani Riyad Fatema, I conducted extensive fieldwork, utilizing surveys, in-depth interviews, and thematic analysis. After Graduation I have worked in Three projects as a research enumerator in two organizations for 2 months. This experience honed my research skills, particularly in qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, making me well-prepared for the research-intensive components of your program.

Beyond academic lessons, my role as the General Secretary of the Indigenous Students Association at NSTU allowed me to develop strong leadership and organizational skills. I led initiatives such as winter clothing and educational necessities distribution drives for underserved communities in Rangamati and Khagrachhari districts. Volunteering as a teaching assistant at Ghagra College in a rural area of Rangamati further solidified my commitment to education and community service. These experiences enhanced my ability to mobilize communities, collaborate with diverse stakeholders, and address social issues at the grassroots level and also provided me with firsthand insights into the transformative power of education in resource-limited settings, fueled my desire to pursue higher studies in a field that can impact social change.

My fluency in English and Bengali, coupled with a willingness to learn new languages, positions me well to engage with the diverse academic community at the European Humanities University. I am particularly eager to learn from and contribute to the rich intellectual environment in your university. I envision utilizing the knowledge and skills gained from this program to become a dedicated social researcher and advocate for gender equality, with a focus on indigenous communities. I aspire to contribute to policy development, educational initiatives, and community-based programs that promote gender equity and social justice. I am confident that the MA in Gender Studies at the European Humanities University will provide me with the academic rigor, practical skills, and critical insights needed to achieve my goals.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute and grow in your esteemed institution.

Sincerely,

Jams Wath Chakma