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Personal Statement

I am a PhD student at the NHH in Bergen (Norway) researching different types of proximity and their respective effect on dispersed members of designated project teams. I have a background in Innovation Management and Supply Chain Management, having successfully completed a double master's degree at the University of Cologne and UCLouvain at the age of 22. Having already lived in Australia, Belgium, Germany, Norway, and South Korea, I have an international background that significantly enriched my character in terms of flexibility, adaptability, and communication.

Employer testimonial of Uniper SE (excerpt - translated)

"Particularly noteworthy was his always extraordinarily precise, conscientious and efficient way of working. Trustworthiness and absolute reliability characterized Mr. Braun's working style at all times. He was particularly compelling due to the very good quality of his work results at all times." - Christian Hulsman, VP of Innovation & Performance

Academic Experience

University

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| 08/2022 – date | PhD in Strategy and Management
Norwegian School of Economics (NHH), Bergen, Norway
Research area: Proximity in project teams |
| 09/2020 – 09/2021 | Master of Business Engineering; Grade: 16.82 (magna cum laude)
Louvain School of Management, UCLouvain, Belgium
Major: Innovation Management
Thesis: <i>In which cases should companies leverage regional collaborators for innovation?</i> (Grade: 17/20 → A) |
| 10/2019 – 09/2021 | Master (M.Sc.) in Business Administration; Grade: 1.6
University of Cologne, Germany
Major: Supply Chain Management
Thesis: <i>see above</i> |
| 10/2016 – 09/2019 | Bachelor (B.Sc.) in Business Administration; Grade: 1.8
University of Cologne, Germany
Thesis: <i>Opportunities and Risks for Enterprises in the Smart City</i>
(Grade: 2.0 → B) |
| 08/2018 - 12/2018 | University of Seoul, South Korea (Semester abroad) |

Relevant professional experience

08/2022 – date	Research Scholar at Norwegian School of Economics (NHH), Bergen, Norway
04/2020 – 08/2020	Consultancy business project with GETRAG FORD Transmissions (now Magna PT), Cologne, Germany
04/2020 – 07/2020	Machine learning project using R with Camelot Consulting, Cologne, Germany
05/2019 – 09/2019	Working student, Procurement department of Uniper SE, Düsseldorf, Germany
07/2019 – 09/2019	Tutor for the Macroeconomics chair at the University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany
07/2016	Internship at Columbus Crew SC, Columbus, USA
01/2014 - 02/2014	Internship at the Federal State Agency for Media, Düsseldorf, Germany
2012 - 2013	English tutor

Language and IT capabilities

German	Mother tongue	Microsoft Office Word, Powerpoint, Excel
English	C2	Excel VBA
Spanish	B1/B2	Arena
Latin	Latinum	OPL
French	A1 course (Grade: A)	R
Korean	Beginner's course (Grade: A)	HTML

Interests and achievements

To this day, I enjoy playing the saxophone, a hobby I have taken up 15 years ago. During my high school years, I partook in regional competitions and won in 2010 together with a pianist. The collaborative spirit of music and the creative outlet it provides has always excited me and prompted me to co-assemble a band during my studies in Cologne. While the band has since resolved, my passion for music and artistic creativity has remained. Other interests of mine include team sports like football due to the sense of camaraderie it provides. I represented my high school in a regional mathematics competition in 2009 and 2010 and have volunteered in clothing banks for refugees in Düsseldorf in 2016 and in 2022.