

1) Finance

With an XXX School of Economics B.Sc. in Accounting and Finance, I qualified with a small West End practice and then worked in the industry for five years, first as a Senior Internal Auditor at XXX (company name) Europe, a car rental company, and recently as a Group Financial Controller at YYY, a world leading telecom company. The extensive financial knowledge I have gained has prepared me for my next natural position as YYY CFO; however, I feel I have exhausted my interest in telecom and aim to diversify my currently industry-specific knowledge so that I am able to eventually move into energy or IT as CFO. Alternatively, I might choose to go into a smaller company and work to increase shareholders' value by helping it raise capital. To achieve either of these goals, I must first gain the benefit of a Masters degree in Finance.

XXX's (school's) name for excellence will allow me a foothold in today's cut-throat industry while equipping me with multiple advantages. The program's varied, flexible curriculum, with its fundamental core courses and exciting electives, draw me first and foremost, as it will augment my general understanding while enabling me to further my knowledge in chosen areas. I am compelled by the emphasis XXX places on work experience, which will guarantee that I will be studying alongside professionals who will supplement my cross-professional knowledge. XXX's multi-cultural makeup, aside from being consistent with my own composition (I am half French, half German, and have divided my years between XXX (third country) and YYY (fourth country)), will enhance my international adeptness, further preparing me for the challenges facing companies in today's global business world, and ensure fascinating in- and out-of-class interaction.

Geared to give back and believing that a truly successful Masters in Finance experience depends on a reciprocal process, I expect to enhance my peers' experience while gaining from their diversity, and am convinced that the financial expertise I have accumulated over eight years of work in the industry will help me do so. Specifically, I will be able to harness my professional know-how to add dimension to class discussions and help my team mates analyze companies, evaluate projects, and build business plans. My teamwork experience as both leader and member will come in handy as well, as it will help extend my teams' ability to set objectives, analyze problems and break them down into components, and maintain a constructive teamwork atmosphere while adhering to deadlines. In the long run, I am confident, my professional standing will serve XXX School of Finance graduates even more.