

1. NUS Master of Science in Financial Engineering (MFE)
<http://www.rmi.nus.edu.sg/mscfineng/mfestuprof.php>
2. UCL Financial Risk Management MSc
<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/degrees/financial-risk-management-msc>
3. LSE MSc Statistics (Financial Statistics)
http://www.lse.ac.uk/study/graduate/taughtProgrammes2016/MScStatistics_financialStatistic.s.aspx
4. UOE Finance & Investment
<http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/degrees/index.php?r=site/view&id=273>
5. University of Manchester Finance
<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/courses/list/01383/finance-msc/>

Requirements:

1. Concentrate on the logic of the whole article
(Done! I think this is really well organized, actually – I didn't have to make many structural changes.) ← Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.25", No bullets or numbering
2. Help me with sentence(more related and coherent)
(I think I was able to smooth over any awkward phrasing, and if there were parts where I was unsure of what you meant, I left a comment. Be sure to review them carefully. I also used British spellings since most of the schools you are applying to are in the UK, and I believe Singaporean English is also based on British spellings, so I figured that was okay.) ← Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.25", No bullets or numbering
3. I want it to be more persuasiveness and attractive. (give me some advices about how to improve this letter exactly)
(I think you gave a lot of valuable examples of your work, and that's all you can really do in terms of making yourself look like a competitive, attractive candidate. A personal statement isn't necessarily a persuasive piece of writing; it's a clear, concrete way of showing the admissions committee who you are, what you want to do, and how a degree from their institution could help you achieve that.) ← Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.25", No bullets or numbering
4. Please pay more attention on paragraph 2 -5
(Done. See the comments and corrections within those paragraphs.) ← Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.25", No bullets or numbering
5. Are there any important factors that should be in the letter but I omitted?
(I see that you mentioned in the final paragraph what your ideal job title is. You might want to mention that in the first paragraph, to show your goal right off the bat. I marked a place where it might fit.) ← Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.25", No bullets or numbering
6. I hope that after this PS, the reader gets an idea of who I am as a person.
(I believe I do! I think you sound really hardworking and charming, and I liked that you included details about your life outside of finance, like that you're an amateur photographer.) ← Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.25", No bullets or numbering
7. Why this program? Why I am suitable for this program? I try to answer these question in this PS, so please give me some advice about how do you feel after reading.
(I really like your opening paragraph, how you could have been discouraged but instead you were inspired by failure to learn more about finance. I think that is such a great way to ← Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.25", No bullets or numbering

start your essay. I also was impressed that you talked about the struggle of your internship—having to work six days a week for 14 hours a day, yikes—but that it eventually paid off. I think it shows you're a dedicated worker who really enjoys what you do, and that you are pursuing this degree with the benefit of prior work experience in finance. I think it shows that you're a serious candidate.)

I pasted a clean copy of the essay below the one showing all the corrections, in case you aren't sure how to resolve the changes in Microsoft Word. Make sure to address all of the comments and fill in any necessary information before sending in your essay! Best of luck with your application!

Best regards,
Liz

Personal Statement

By [REDACTED]

My passion for financial analysis began at eighteen years old, when I opened an account and invested all of my allowance in A-shares (stocks). That was when I became fascinated by the unpredictability of stock investments. However, lacking the capability for analysis and transaction skills, I lost over 25 percent of my original investment in two months. At that moment I decided to be a financial professional. To begin my journey toward achieving this dream, I majored in finance at Nanjing Audit University.

To prepare for my career, I acquired as much experience as I could while at university. During my first summer holiday, I interned in the IT sector of China Railway Communication Co., Ltd. for two months, where I learnt how to use SQL (Structured Query Language). In 2012, I participated in Hong Kong University's Business Immersion Program, which provided me with professional financial investment training as well as insight into the business elements of the finance industry. Afterwards, by virtue of my internship experience and specialised knowledge, I earned the chance to be an intern in the asset management department of the Zurich Financial Services Group in Hong Kong. During that time, I cooperated with teammates on questionnaire design, data collection, and market analysis. We surveyed investment intentions in Victoria Harbour during the day, then analysed data and discussed solutions until midnight. When doing field research, the biggest obstacle in front of us was diversity of data. In order to obtain various data samples, I divided team members into four groups, targeting subjects of different income levels. At the end of internship, I represented my team in a presentation of our assignment to international committee members. In addition to learning about financial analysis tools, I gained useful leadership and collaboration experience during this internship. Based on my performance, the senior manager of the asset management department recommended that I apply to the exchange program at the University of Pécs in Hungary. I went on to study at Pécs' business school for half a year following my enrolment in their exchange program.

It is imperative that finance students learn how to put theory into practice. In order to be familiar with the finance industry, I took plenty of job interviews during my senior year. After being selected for the position from a pool of fifty applicants, I was hired as an intern in the operations department of China Pacific Insurance Co., Ltd. That was a stressful time for me; every morning, I woke up at 6:00 and wouldn't return home until after 8:00 p.m., and I was only allowed one day off per week. However, thanks to this internship, I learnt about the physical operations of loans, payments, and refunds, and developed a deep understanding of China's insurance system. My enthusiasm for finance and my professional potential impressed the department manager, so I was offered a job at the end of the internship. I have worked there for almost two years, loans, collecting data, managing operational risk, and auditing subordinates' assignments. All my efforts have not only broadened my knowledge, but also cultivated adaptability and perseverance.

I think I am a person endowed with sociability. During my exchange at the University of Pécs I devoted myself to social activities like parties, hiking with local students, celebrating Easter

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in the Hungarian tradition, and overcoming language obstacles with the help of my international friends. My mentor even invited me to visit his hometown, where I made lots of local friends. I actually received postcards from them on my birthday after my return to China. As an amateur photographer, I travelled to more than ten countries alone after my final exam, taking photos, climbing the highest peak in Europe, experiencing diversity of culture, and talking with local residents. This exchange student experience was precious to me not only because the Western teaching model gave me the ability to think critically and encouraged me to express myself in public, but also made me feel more independent and confident.

2016 will be a crucial year in my life. I have a clear career development plan: after acquiring my Securities Qualification Certificate and the National Computer Rank Examination Certificate, I am preparing for the CFA exam in June. In three years, I see myself working as a financial analyst or as a financial consultant, and my long-term objective is to work in risk management at an investment bank in Nanjing. Over the course of a deep interest in this field as well as professional background, I realise a finance master's degree will help me to go further in my career. Your program's aim of raising the level of mathematics used in applications for pricing, hedging, and risk management suits me well. The curriculum will provide me practical tools to analyse the price of financial products. I believe that (school name) is a good place to master a more specialised set of skills in a strong academic atmosphere.

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