

Describe your **short-term** and **long-term** post-graduation goals.

- Given the fluctuation of economic and industry hiring trends, identify a back-up plan should your short-term goal not be immediately attainable.
- How does your past education and experience support your career objectives?
- Lastly, what aspects of your intended Business School program make it a good choice for your graduate study? (250 TO 500 WORDS ONLY)

After completing the Master's in Finance, I envision myself working as an equity research associate or a credit research associate at a large financial advisory firm in New York. I'll be providing research insights and assisting with informed investment strategies. This is a role that usually entails a thorough understanding of financial markets and financial instruments, as well as the ability to analyze data and generate accurate forecasts for the businesses I will cover. After building a strong reputation and track record as a senior analyst, I hope to become the regional head of equity research, managing a team of analysts who will support large portfolio managers and institutional clients. Given the fluctuation of economic and industry hiring trends, I plan to pursue a consulting career as a viable alternative. I am confident that with the core financial and presentation skills gained during the program, I will be able to find work in the accounting and audit teams of the Big 4 consulting firms. I hope to assist with financial report preparation, budgeting, identifying potential areas of concern, and assessing the impact of proposed transactions. Meanwhile, I'll keep honing my skills by clearing the Chartered Financial Analyst exam.

My previous education and experience have both played a crucial role in shaping my career goals. My undergraduate degree provided me with a solid foundation in accounting and finance. My internship at [Company 1] offered valuable experiences in financial analysis. Currently, working at [Company 2] (audit division), I am responsible for preparation of financial statements for companies based in the United States and the United Kingdom in accordance with IFRS and GAAP. This role has helped me gain a thorough understanding of various companies' business models, daily operations and correlation with world markets. To gain further knowledge in corporate finance, I have enrolled in a postgraduate diploma in financial management. Through my work experience, I not only learned the fundamentals of balance sheet and P&L analysis, but I also became accustomed to going through infinitesimal details and learned to ask questions early when I realized I wasn't making progress. Through successive companies, I learned to adapt from a culture that emphasized individual initiatives, risk management, and working in an informal hierarchy to one that heavily emphasizes collaborative thinking.

[University name's] specialized degree combines quantitative finance and Python, preparing me to be an expert and effective problem solver through financial analysis. With a comprehensive and highly adaptable curriculum that covers advanced topics in finance, combined with the school's strong alum network, I am confident of being industry ready by the time I graduate. Professional clubs, such as Consulting and Finance & Investment Clubs, which have access to the [Student Run VC] Fund and the [Endowment Fund], are appealing opportunities to contribute and learn from my cohort while getting mentored by experts on portfolio attribution and allocation. Finally, with employers like Morgan Stanley, Citigroup, and JP Morgan coming to the [B-school] campus make it extremely promising for me to achieve my career goals.