**The core purpose of The University of Texas at Austin is, "To Transform Lives for the Benefit of Society." Please share how you believe your experience at UT-Austin will prepare you to “Change the World” after you graduate. (250-300 words)**

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Ultimately, my career goal is to work in a multinational corporation and earn a certification in finance like CFA and CIMA. I believe UT’s unique business program and focus on experiential learning provides opportunities to gain insights and expertise on how business is done across the globe. As a finance major, I’m hoping to learn from joining the AIM Investment center. I believe this center is a good source to integrate financial research, investment education and practice at UT as it enhances the practice of investment management.

Another aspect of UT that excites me is joining the Financial Analyst Program (FAP), a 2 years course  that allows me to learn advanced valuation tools, master Excel modeling techniques and gain experience with investment analysis. I have seen firsthand the struggles of Indonesia’s MSME (micro-small medium enterprises) especially during the pandemic. Thus, I hope to leverage my knowledge of investments to help MSME owners with capital financing – a necessary fund that lenders and equity holders provide for a business’s day-to-day and long-term needs – as it is crucial for the growth of their business.

In addition to UT’s wealth of academic opportunities, I am excited to get involved with the Best Buddies program at UT Austin. In this program, we are matched with adults in the Austin community with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and strive to include them as part of our society. I have a younger cousin with IDD, and growing up with her, I saw the struggles she had to face, especially the judgements set towards her just because of the existence of an extra chromosome. Hence, I’ve grown believing in the importance of being inclusive, as it fueled my passion in wanting to join the Best Buddies at UT Austin.

I believe UT Austin will prepare me to achieve my career goals, allow me to develop new friendships with individuals with IDD, and help me gain knowledge and skills of investments to help Indonesia’s MSME owners. Therefore, I believe UT Austin and I are a compatible match that can change the world.

Hi Catherine:

I think for the second paragraph, it’s clear that you’ve already established a vision as to how you will bring your experience to impact a greater community after you graduate. However, in the first and third paragraphs, as the reader I would want to see a similar practical vision as your plan to help MSMEs with capital financing.