

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

My name is Emmanuel Amponsah Frimpong. From an early age, I have been driven by two core values: a commitment to continuous learning and a desire to make a positive impact on my community. These principles have been the foundation of my academic and professional journey, motivating me to strive for excellence and use my knowledge to benefit those around me. I now seek to advance this journey through the Master of Finance program at the Clark University, where I am confident that I can build on my expertise to make a lasting difference.

During my undergraduate studies, I had the privilege of volunteering as a teacher during my vacations in my small village in the Eastern region of Ghana. I found immense fulfillment in sharing my knowledge and helping students develop foundational skills in mathematics and accounting. Professionally, I have worked as a full-time bank teller in the cash department at Zenith Bank in Ghana for the past three years. My role has involved processing numerous transactions, maintaining accurate financial records, and delivering top-notch customer service to our clients. I was also privileged to take on responsibilities in financial analysis and reporting, tasks that allowed me to strengthen my technical and problem-solving skills.

I also partook in a financial literacy campaign organised by Databank Investment Limited. This role has given me invaluable insights into how sound financial management drives individual financial growth and also contributes to broader economic development. I have a strong desire for financial modelling and Fintech. I took a separate course in Financial modelling and Data Analytics aside my undergraduate studies. I was taught how to use models for predictive analysis. I hold a Chartered Accountant certificate from the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ghana (ICAG). I am aspiring to become a chartered financial analyst.

The Master of Finance program is an ideal platform to help me achieve this goal. What draws me to this program is its strong emphasis on fundamental financial skills for leaders in banking, investment management, trading, insurance, corporate finance, and other industries. The course

also gives students much insight in the field of finance, including financial markets, corporate finance, computational finance, blockchain technologies. These courses align with my undergraduate courses in Economics and Banking and Finance. I strongly believe with this course, my interest in innovative solutions to complex management challenges and making the right decisions would be met. I would be able to evaluate projects and business ventures.

Additionally, courses such as Foundations of Financial Accounting, Advanced Derivatives, Fixed Income Securities, Investment Strategies, wealth management which are integral to the program, align with my background and career goals. I am confident these courses will equip me with the advanced knowledge required to navigate complex regulatory environments as a financial analyst, while also preparing me for the evolving challenges businesses face globally.

In the long term, my ambition is to become a world-class business consultant, using my expertise to help businesses navigate financial challenges while contributing to the development of my community and my country. The emphasis on experiential learning within the program resonates with my belief that true mastery comes from both learning and doing. I look forward to engaging with the faculty and my peers, learning from their diverse perspectives, and contributing my own experiences from working in a major financial institution in Ghana.

To conclude, I am convinced that the Master of Finance program offers the ideal environment for my academic and professional growth. The program's commitment to student success, its distinguished faculty, and its emphasis on practical, applied learning make it the perfect fit for my goals. The support and expertise I will gain through this program will propel me towards my short-term goal of becoming a Certified Financial analyst and my long-term ambition of becoming a world-class business consultant.