

Why I'm Applying for the Oxford Risk Internship

My academic journey has been fundamentally shaped by a deep fascination with understanding consumer behaviour and financial decision-making through empirical analysis. This interest evolved from theoretical exploration during my Economics degree to practical application through my dissertation research on systematic biases in longitudinal surveys. The Oxford Risk internship represents a natural transition from academic inquiry to industry application—aligning perfectly with my career aspirations in applied behavioural finance.

The research component particularly excites me, building directly on the methodological skills developed through my dissertation work. My analysis revealing that psychological factors rather than wealth drive risk tolerance has reinforced my conviction that behavioural economics and psychology are fundamentally interconnected with financial decision-making. Beyond my existing quantitative foundation in Python, Stata, and econometric analysis, I am eager to expand my analytical capabilities in advanced data modelling and emerging technologies, particularly machine learning applications and Large Language Models.

Oxford Risk's distinctive approach to personalising financial advice through behavioural insights sets them apart in the industry. Their focus on helping investors understand "how to behave while investing" demonstrates sophisticated decision science understanding that resonates with my academic interests. The company's collaborative, research-driven culture and commitment to applying rigorous behavioural science to real-world financial challenges creates an ideal environment for both learning and meaningful contribution.

This internship represents an ideal platform to transform my academic foundation in behavioural economics into practical expertise that contributes to meaningful improvements in financial decision-making outcomes.