**Write approximately 200 words describing what you want to learn in this class and what you are most excited to learn.**

I came to this program with a specific purpose. For the past year, my partner/co-founder and I have been working on a concept for an intelligent B2B2C financial marketplace. In developing this idea, two things became clear – 1) DeFi is the future, and 2) building a fintech company requires a solid understanding of the rapidly evolving technology landscape. The breadth of this course in addition to the project based curriculum addresses my desire to better understand this space and to be able to build the first prototype of our concept.

**Write approximately 100 words describing how the skills you'll learn in this class will help your career. If you don't have a career in this field yet, no problem! Write about how these skills will help you reach your goal.**

After a long career inside financial corporations, I am excited to try my hand at entrepreneurship. The skills I acquire in this program will be critical to both my technical and qualitative understanding of DeFi. While participating in this program I intended to immediately apply what I am learning by concurrently building components of the platform referenced in my earlier response.

Answer the following questions:

1. What does FinTech mean to you? Why is it important?
2. What about FinTech interests you?
3. Where do you expect FinTech to take you? What are you looking to do?
4. What about FinTech may be confusing? What makes sense?

Write down your answers and keep them somewhere safe. In the future, we will look back at your responses to see how much you've accomplished!