

Dear Admission Committee,

My name is Xuanzhen Zhu, and I am pleased to apply for the Master of Finance program at Yale University.

In my free time, I enjoy reading top-tier academic research to stay updated with the latest advancements in finance. I occasionally study articles from leading ABS 4+ rated journals such as Journal of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Corporate Finance, among others. This habit not only deepens my understanding of theoretical and empirical approaches in finance but also sharpens my ability to critically analyze complex economic phenomena.

I want to be a quant researcher. To achieve my dream, I have practical skills such as Python, SQL, Tableau and etc.

I am particularly drawn to Yale University due to its strong academic environment and research-oriented approach.

Thank you for considering my application. I am eager to contribute to and benefit from the rigorous academic culture at Yale University.

Sincerely,

Xuanzhen Zhu