

Dear Admission Committee,

My name is Li Bingying, and I am writing to formally submit my application for the Master of Finance program at University of California-Berkeley.

In my spare time, I maintain a consistent habit of reading top-tier academic research, as it allows me to stay abreast of the latest developments and breakthroughs in the field of finance. Specifically, I regularly delve into scholarly articles published in ABS 4+ rated journals—including Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics and Review of Financial Studies, to name a few. This practice has not only deepened my grasp of both theoretical frameworks and empirical methodologies in finance but also honed my ability to conduct critical analysis of complex economic phenomena.

My long-term career goal is to become a quant researcher. To lay a solid foundation for this aspiration, I have proactively developed a diverse set of practical skills, encompassing Python, SQL, R, Matlab, Tableau and etc.

University of California-Berkeley is my target institution of choice primarily due to its renowned strong academic atmosphere and its emphasis on research-driven learning—both of which align perfectly with my academic pursuits and career plans.

Thank you for taking the time to review my application. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to the vibrant academic community at University of California-Berkeley, while also growing professionally and academically through its rigorous program.

Sincerely,

Li Bingying