

Dear Admission Committee,

My name is Jonathan Zhang, and I am writing to apply for the Economics PhD program at University of Chicago. With a strong training in economics and quantitative methods during my undergraduate studies, I have developed solid skills in economics, econometrics, and programming. My core skills include Python, and Stata. I am also proficient in applying foundational economic models and econometric analysis to real-world data.

I am passionate about advancing academic knowledge in the field of Economics. To stay abreast of academic frontiers, I have closely followed the literature in several top journals, including Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, American Economic Review. I am particularly excited about the opportunity to study at University of Chicago, known for its innovative research and academic rigor.

In addition to my academic background, I have also developed practical SPSS, Power BI, SQL, Matlab through coursework, self-study, and research projects. My long-term career goal is to become a financial trader or analyst, applying advanced methods in data analysis and economic modeling to inform financial decision-making.

I am eager for the opportunity to contribute to and learn from the vibrant academic community at University of Chicago. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Zhang