

Dear Admission Committee,

My name is Yining Zhu, and I am pleased to apply for the Master of finance program at Australian National 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, Journal of Financial Economics, and Review of Financial Studies, 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, machine learning, high-frequency data processing, and etc.

I am particularly drawn to Australian National 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 Australian National University.

Sincerely,

Yining Zhu