Dear Admission Committee,

My name is Meixun Lu, and I am pleased to apply for the Master of economics program at Columbia University.

As an undergraduate deeply immersed in the field of finance at Renmin University of China, I have consistently been driven by a passion to unravel the complexities of economic phenomena and contribute meaningfully to the discipline. Now, I am eager to pursue a graduate degree to further my knowledge and skills, and Columbia University stands out as my ideal destination.

My academic journey has equipped me with a solid foundation. Courses like Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Econometrics have not only honed my analytical abilities but also sparked my interest in economics. I occasionally study articles from leading ABS 4+ rated journals such as American Economic Review, Annals of Statistics and Econometrica, 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.

Beyond the classroom, I have sought practical experiences to complement my theoretical learning. I have practical skills such as Python, SQL, Math, PowerBI, Tableau and etc. This experience allowed me to apply economics theories to real-world scenarios and enhanced my problem-solving skills. Additionally, I am an active member of the university's economics Club, where I have organized seminars and discussions on contemporary economics issues, fostering my ability to communicate complex ideas effectively.

Columbia University's esteemed economics program aligns perfectly with my academic and career aspirations. I am confident that the rigorous academic environment and diverse intellectual community at Columbia University will provide me with the necessary resources and inspiration to excel in my graduate studies and beyond.

In the future, I aim to quant researcher, and I believe that a graduate education from Columbia University will be a crucial stepping stone towards achieving this goal. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to and learn from the vibrant academic community at your university.

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

Sincerely,

Meixun Lu