**Why are you interested in attending Columbia University? (200 words or fewer) \***

Columbia’s strong take on mentorship inspires me as I believe it is an effective form of learning. I benefitted highly from the mentorship of my math teacher. He offered me valuable life lessons alongside academics. Thus, elucidating the value of mentorship in life.

Hence, I am excited to begin my Odessy through the Columbia Mentoring Initiative. As well as becoming a mentee of faculty members like Professor Thomas A. DiPrete. Intrigued by his comparative studies, I hope to learn more about gender difference in educational performance. Hoping to do an independent research of my own in this topic in relation to a patriarchal society such as Indonesia. In combination with courses such as SOCI GR6116 Higher Education and Equality and EDUC BC3250 Education in a Polarized and Unequal Society to see the way education can be altered to have a bigger impact on creating equality in society.

Through a series of internships, I've come to realize that financial sustainability is key in everything we do. Thus, I'd like to join Columbia Organization of Rising Entrepreneurs and “Consult Your Community” – something unique to Columbia. Giving back and becoming a mentor myself.

Columbia will provide me with a once in a lifetime journey towards knowledge. Simultaneously giving opportunities to the “Athena’s” of tomorrow.