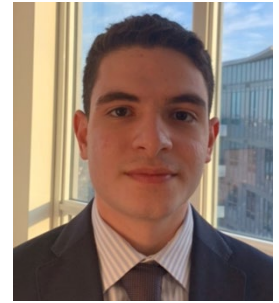


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### Personal Statement

**Internship Objectives:** I wish to learn about the entrepreneurial culture of Asia, I want to learn as much as I possibly can during the time that I will spend in Singapore. I also hope to build connections and make friendships with people that are as obsessed with social innovation as I am. Given that this will be my final semester of my undergraduate degree I hope to complete my experience broadening my perspective in a global and diverse setting such as Singapore.

**About Me:** I'm a fourth year commerce student specializing in Management and minoring in Economics. Learning and studying are my greatest pastime. I enjoy language learning as well as literature and history. I am an avid runner, although it is difficult to run outdoors in Canada. I am also involved in charitable endeavors mostly focused on increasing awareness and promoting the value of altruism within the community.

**Strengths & Weaknesses:** My greatest strength is that I always try and add value to anything that I am involved in, whether it's starting a club at the university or creating value for a group project I always take on an active role and try my best to contribute any way I can. I am a team player and I have found group work to be very enjoyable and effective in producing results. I am obsessive in my interests, which are very broad and diverse. In commerce my greatest strengths are in the highly quantitative courses that relate to operational/decision making techniques for example Management Science and Econometrics. I am also very talented in language learning. My greatest weakness would have to be that I find it difficult to focus on one specific thing for a long period of time. I tend to get excited and distracted by different interest (i.e. I may intensely study French for a few months and then completely drop the subject and move onto Spanish.) Although I have been working on this issue through discipline.

**Work Experience:** My work experience started at the age of fourteen, working for my mother's currency exchange. Here I learned about currency speculation as well as macro-economic factors relating to fluctuations of free-floating currency. I believe this to be the genesis of my obsession with international commerce. My most important and most relevant work experience would be having worked one year full-time at a start-up. We were dedicated to creating an e-commerce platform for underground fashion brands to sell their clothing. I learned about the importance of group work as well as sales by constantly reaching out to brands and creating connections with individuals in the Toronto fashion scene. After the start-up ceased operations I learned about accepting failure with grace and that success is going from failure to failure without the loss of enthusiasm. Beyond this I have also worked for several different clubs in representative and executive positions.

**Unique Skill Sets:** Due to my undergraduate business education I am very well trained in Excel, I have used it for the majority of my course work. I have also been intensely drilled in group work and I have worked in many different projects in different scenarios with different people. Because of this I have developed the skill of working with people under a professional setting with the objective of completing a task. I am also skilled in R and Stata as well as conceptual and practical topics relating to quantitative and qualitative decision making. Due to my interests in foreign languages and history I have extensive knowledge of different peoples and cultures, which allows me to create connections in a global setting.

**How Can I Contribute:** I am able to contribute in fields relating to business and commerce, including operational/logistical aspects that may be applicable along with sales/marketing positions. I am not sensitive as to my assignments and I am willing to take up any position and work where I am most needed for the benefit of the company. I am a very quick learner and I am able to draw from my previous experiences to bring value and contribute to the benefit of the group.

## Education

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Sept. 2016 - Present	<b>University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management</b> Bachelor of Commerce in Management & Economics	Toronto, Canada
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## Work Experience

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Jan 2020 - Present	<b>Trinity College Giving Pledge</b> <i>Head Organizer and Founder</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Founded the Trinity College Giving Pledge whereby student of Trinity College pledge to give a certain fraction of their income towards charitable and philanthropic causes of their choice including environmental, human rights, education, etc.</li><li>Ongoing and have currently received 54 signatures</li></ul>	Toronto, Canada
Apr 2017 - May 2018	<b>Atty Studios</b> <i>Co-Founder</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Founded a start-up a company with the goal of creating an online platform for underground designers to market their products on a unified forum whereby they would receive more exposure and save on the costs of set up costs</li><li>Contacted designers and companies as part of sales</li><li>Helped develop website with Ruby on Rails</li></ul>	Toronto, Canada
Sep 2016 – Apr 2017	<b>Young Liberals</b> <i>First Year Representative</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Elected by members of the Young Liberals of Ontario to the executive team at the University of Toronto</li><li>Assisted in campaign awareness across the University Campus</li></ul>	Toronto, Canada
Sep 2014 – May 2016	<b>TMS Investment Club</b> Founder and President <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Started the first Investment Club at TMS School where students were able to trade real stocks and learn about market valuation and holding period returns. We managed to beat the Toronto Stock Exchange two years in a row. The TMS Investment Club is still running as of 2020</li></ul>	Richmond Hill, Canada
Apr 2012 – Sep 2015	<b>Union Exchange</b> Part-time assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Took on several roles including customer service and custodial guardianship</li></ul>	Montreal, Canada

## Scholastic Achievements

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Aug 2016	<b>Mrs. F.H. Cosgrave Scholarship in Commerce and Finance (from Trinity College)</b> Awarded to the student with the highest overall average in the commerce program	Toronto, Canada
Aug 2016	<b>President's Entrance Scholar (from University of Toronto)</b> Entrance scholarship for academic excellence	Toronto, Canada
Jun 2016	<b>Ontario Scholar (from Ontario Ministry of Education)</b>	Ontario, Canada

Awarded to students who attain an average of 80% or greater in their six best Grade 12 courses

Jun 2016	<b>Group 3 Subject Award in History (from Toronto Montessori School)</b> Awarded to the student with the highest mark in higher level history	Richmond Hill. Canada
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## Extracurricular Activities

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Sep 2019 – Apr. 2020	<b>Effective Altruism</b> Charitable group at the University of Toronto dedicated to raising awareness on the importance of philanthropic causes	Toronto, Canada
Sep 2019 – Apr 2020	<b>Rational Capital Investment Fund</b> Students interested in finance with monthly meetings including network opportunities as well as guest lecturers from industry	Toronto, Canada
Sep 2018 – Apr 2019	<b>Hart House Investment Club</b> Oldest investment club in Canada, created portfolio's competing with other members in maximizing Sharpe Ratio	Ontario, Canada
Jan 2015	<b>Model UN</b> Attended Model UN event at the University of Toronto, representing Liberia	Toronto, Canada

## Skill Sets & Proficiency

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**Microsoft Excel:** Advanced (Used in majority of courses)  
**R:** Intermediate (Used in course RSM412)  
**Stata:** Intermediate (Used in course ECO372)  
**Adobe Illustrator:** Intermediate (Used in high school courses)

## Language Proficiency

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**English:** Native  
**Farsi:** Native  
**German:** Advanced (C1 Level, completed Intermediate German II (95%))  
**Spanish:** Intermediate (B1 Level, completed Intermediate Spanish (88%))  
**French:** Elementary (A2 Level, lived in Montreal for three years)