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Personal Statement

About me: My name is Peter Shi and I'm a student at the University of Toronto's Rotman Commerce program with a specialization in Finance and Economics. My coursework covers Micro and Macroeconomic theories, calculus and linear algebra, financial and statistical analysis, accounting, and marketing just to name a few. I would consider myself as somebody who is very open to new experiences, which is part of the reason why I chose to apply to the NOC program. The prospect of working and learning in a new city and a new social group greatly excites me as it represents a tremendous opportunity for personal growth. I'm also very interested in entrepreneurship. Besides the technical aspects that go into product design and engineering, I'm very much interested in the ethical and regulatory debates that regularly accompany the development of new technologies. Above all, I'm interested in the potential of entrepreneurship to solve the great problems of our generation.

Work Experience: My most impactful prior work experience so far is my time spent as a coach in debate for a private education consulting company. In this role I had to prepare a weekly curriculum, usually focused on a geopolitical issue. Throughout various topics, I had the pleasure of teaching high school students the basics of political theory, economics, and philosophy. My other experiences include volunteer work for FreeGeek, a non-profit computer recycling organization; CVR, a consumer virtual reality conference, fundraising for the Vancouver general hospital, and organizing production for a student-led podcast at the University of Toronto.

Skill Set: In terms of skills, I am proficient in office software, especially Excel for data analysis. In terms of programming, I consider myself to be literate in native Python, JavaScript, HTML, and CSS and I plan on furthering my knowledge in software through various personal projects. On the hardware side, I have a working knowledge of personal computing components and their assembly and an understanding and basic experience of microcontrollers such as Arduino. I am also proficient in Adobe's creative cloud, including Photoshop and video editing in Premiere, and I have a basic knowledge of audio editing using Audition and visual effects using After Effects. Aside from technical skills, I am very comfortable with public speaking and working in teams, and I have had many experiences in optimal group decision making, responsibility delegation, conflict resolution, and final presentation of ideas.

Education

University of Toronto – Rotman School of Management

Bachelor of Commerce in Finance and Economics

cGPA: 3.89 / 4.0

Relevant Coursework: Micro/Macroeconomics (A), Accounting (A), Finance (A+), Calculus and Linear Algebra (A+), Statistics

Toronto, ON

Class of 2022

Work Experience

Art of Impact Podcast

Head of Production

Toronto, ON

April 2020 – August 2020

- Responsible for editing full-length audio and video for distribution to hosting platforms (Anchor, YouTube)
- Designed and created digital marketing content for use on social media (Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter)
- Monitored content performance metrics and communication with podcast team

BL Education Consulting

Coach for Debate

Vancouver, BC

June 2018 – August 2019

- Taught public forum and parliamentary as well as tournament preparation and research
- Educated middle and high school students on global politics, economics, and philosophy
- Selected Experience:
 - 2018 UBC Summer Camp
 - Taught introductory parliamentary debate to 8 middle school students over a week
 - 2018 Georgetown University Tournament Preparation
 - Analyzed political implications of complete US accession to the UNCLOS
 - Teams won International Semi-finalist at tournament

Vancouver General Hospital

Volunteer

Vancouver, BC

January 2018 – August 2018

- Volunteered and Fundraised for various events for the Vancouver General Hospital
 - Life of Art Exhibition and Auction - \$35,330 raised
 - Oakridge Montessori school Art Workshop
 - Richmond Night Market Fundraising Booth - \$1,500 raised
- Organizational team for Vancouver General Hospital youth leadership team

Scholastic Achievements/Extracurricular Activities

September 2018 -
Present

Dean's List (Academic Excellence)

Toronto,
ON

September 2018 -
Present

Howard Ferguson Scholarship (Academic Excellence)

Toronto,
ON

June 2020

**Bensadoun School of Retail Management Innovation
Challenge (Case Competition)**

Montreal,
QC

- Finalist (Top 2 teams per division)
- Summary: Presented a low-cost solution for increasing restaurant revenue during COVID lockdown in Montreal

January 2019

**UofT Entrepreneurship Hatchery Accelerator Weekend
(Case Competition)**

Toronto,
ON

- Finalist (Top 6 teams)
- Summary: Ideate, Refine, and Present a novel business idea in 48 hours

Skill Sets & Proficiency

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| Office Productivity | Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel | Proficient |
| Multimedia | Adobe Photoshop | Proficient |
| | Adobe Premiere Pro | Proficient |
| | Adobe Audition | Intermediate |
| | Final Cut Pro | Intermediate |
| | Adobe After Effects | Basic |
| | Blender | Basic |
| Web | HTML, CSS | Intermediate |
| Programming | Python | Intermediate |
| | JavaScript | Intermediate |
| | Java | Basic |
| | Arduino | Basic |

Language Proficiency

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| Spoken | English – Fluent; Mandarin – Conversational |
| Written | English – Fluent |