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RE: 2024 Investment Analyst (Buy Side)

Dear Hiring Manager,

My name is Roger Lin and I am currently a candidate pursuing a Masters in Public Policy with a specialization in Finance and Policy at UChicago's Harris School of Public Policy. I am writing to express my strong interest in the Buy Side Investment Analyst position at Guggenheim Partners's New York Office. What attracts me to this role in particular is Guggenheim's entrepreneurial environment, where initiative, creativity, maturity, and enthusiasm for learning are highly valued. These qualities align perfectly with my own work ethic and approach to problem-solving. I am excited about the prospect of identifying potential investment opportunities, preparing compelling investment theses, and pitching my recommendations to the investment committee for consideration. My academic background in economics, finance, and public policy, combined with relevant professional experience, I believe, makes me an ideal candidate for this position.

I have long been fascinated by financial markets, especially their role in efficiently allocating risk across diverse investors. This enduring curiosity has led me to seek out opportunities to deepen my knowledge of financial markets and the pricing of different asset classes from stocks and bonds to derivatives such as options, swaps, and futures. Through the MPP program's heavy quantitative focus, I have furthermore developed a solid foundation in mathematics and statistics, as well as strengthened my technical competencies in statistical analysis using Python, Excel, R and Stata, data-driven decision making, financial modeling, and research. Such skills are highly relevant to a career at Guggenheim Partners, where the ability to formulate investment theses backed up by data is crucial.

Throughout my academic journey, I have consistently demonstrated a strong affinity for immersing myself in and excelling in learning new subjects, a quality which has enabled me to learn quickly and adapt to new circumstances with ease. My relevant courses at Harris, and at the Booth School of Business, encompass Corporate Finance, Financial Investments for Public Policy, Bank Regulation and Management, Microeconomics for Public Policy, and Macroeconomic Policymaking, Financial Markets and Institutions, International Trade, Banking, and Capital Flows, the Chinese Economy, and Statistics for Data Analysis I and II. Most recently, I completed advanced courses in Financial Instruments and Fixed Income Asset Pricing, which deepened my understanding of the mathematical underpinnings of the pricing and trading of various financial assets.

My professional experience has moreover equipped me with a nuanced understanding of financial analysis, strategic planning, and data analysis. During my tenure as a business analyst at Bainbridge Consulting, I helped advise a local startup offering event management software. Collaborating closely with the startup, we mapped out the competitive landscape using market research, identified a strategic market niche, and formulated a comprehensive long-term growth plan with measurable targets and performance indicators. In treating the client as a long-term growth partner we were investing alongside, we made sure that the proposals we made aligned with what was best for the company. My past experience in helping run my parent's small business taught me an invaluable lesson in thinking like an owner. This perspective, rooted in a sense of ownership and accountability for decision outcomes, has been a guiding principle in my approach to life.

This past summer I had an opportunity to apply my knowledge of financial markets and quantitative skillset in a real-world context as a research assistant at UChicago's Becker Friedman Institute, where I studied the link between inflation regimes and equity returns by looking at the historical correlations between equity and bond excess returns. My responsibilities entailed compiling and cleaning datasets, running regressions and interpreting the econometric outcomes, preparing data visualizations to highlight important trends in the data, and performing literature review on prior works studying the link between inflation and asset returns for a research project. This experience was especially valuable in allowing me to build upon the works of past contributors to the field of asset pricing research by exploring and testing new theories with real world significance. Guggenheim Partners is the best place I can think of to continue my exploration of financial markets. My curiosity and eagerness to take on new challenges will be invaluable assets in this role. I look forward to discussing my qualifications further.

Best regards,

Roger Lin

