

Akash Karekatte

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SUMMARY

Highly motivated finance student with a strong foundation in finance and economics. Experienced in financial modeling, valuation techniques, and data analysis through internships and simulated projects. Proven ability to thrive in fast-paced, high-pressure environments with excellent analytical and quantitative skills. Seeking internship opportunities in investments and corporate finance related roles.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) - College of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Finance

Expected Graduation: Dec 2025

Dean's List: Fall 2023, Spring 2024 • **Cumulative GPA: 3.3 / 4.0 • Major GPA: 3.5 / 4.0**

Major: Finance • **Focus:** Investments and Capital Markets • **Minor:** Economics

Relevant Coursework: Fixed-Income Securities, Investments, International Financial Markets, Managerial Finance, Monetary Theory, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Managerial Accounting

WORK EXPERIENCE

HP Tech Ventures – Extern • Corporate Venture Capital and Business Analytics Extern • (Remote) 08/24 to 09/24

- Conducted in-depth research on tech startups, focusing on market potential, competition, and financial performance.
- Acquired expertise in evaluating startups, analysing market position, business models and competitive landscapes.
- Skills Established:** Financial Modelling, Strategic Investment Analysis, Research, Business Analytics, Startup Evaluation.

Forte Capital Group • Investment Research Analyst Intern • New York, USA (Remote) 06/24 to 09/24

- Gained exposure to day-to-day activities of a premier broker, capital markets, IPOs, and high-level deals.
- Developed an understanding of practice management, financial planning, portfolio analysis, private equity, and fund dynamics.
- Skills Established:** Security Analysis, Portfolio Analysis, Investment Analysis, Research, Communication, Presentation.

Startly Ecosystems Private Limited • Finance Summer Intern • Pune, India (Remote) 05/24 to 08/24

- Analysed financial data sets to generate quantitative and qualitative insights and create presentations on relevant financial metrics.
- Supported financial professionals in spreadsheet and presentation development for client pitches and valuations.
- Skills Established:** Financial Modelling, Financial Analysis, Investments, MS Office, Teamwork, Critical Thinking.

ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Student Tutor • UIC + Volunteer • Chicago, IL 08/23 to Present

- Tutored students in subjects: Introduction to Finance, Investments, Hindi, Excel, Macroeconomics, and Fixed-Income Securities.

Investment Banking Association • Member • UIC • Chicago, IL 08/23 to Present

- Professional development and simulated work to prepare for an early career in Investment Banking and related fields.

Finance & Investment Group • Member • UIC • Chicago, IL 08/23 to Present

- Professional development and cultivation of connections with individuals in finance and financial related fields.

Portfolio Management Team • Member • UIC • Chicago, IL 08/23 to Present

- Taught and learnt the fundamentals of value investing and, participated in simulations of investing and valuing stocks.

US Army ROTC • Cadet • UIC • Chicago, IL 08/22 to 01/24

- Led juniors and cultivated a team-based environment to achieve goals and educate peers on Army related subjects.

SKILLS

Microsoft Excel • PowerPoint • Word • Power BI • Financial Modelling • Financial Analysis • Research • Teamwork • Leadership • Problem-Solving • Detail-Oriented • Adaptability • Communication • Time-Management • Critical Thinking

Languages: Native Proficiency in English and Hindi • Beginner Proficiency in Spanish

CERTIFICATIONS

- CFA Level 1 (Expected February 2025)**
- Investment Banking Job Simulation (JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America, Citi)**
- Global Banking and Markets Job Simulation (HSBC)**
- Financial Planning (Coursera – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)

ACHIEVEMENTS

- US Army ROTC Scholarship Winner • US Army ROTC Top MS I Cadet
- 2023 NANBF Windy City Naturals – Teen Bodybuilding Classic Physique Winner