

My short-term goal post-graduation is to work as a financial analyst for any of the leading investment banks, hedge funds, private equity funds, or pension funds in the US. As a financial analyst and as a student in the CFA program, I have always been intrigued by the US financial market and I have always admired the efficiency it offers the American people and the world. Despite the huge improvements in the US banking systems, I feel that there is huge potential to make the US financial systems better and more efficient and to extend this concept to the rest of the world.

One of the qualities of a financial analyst is the ability to forecast financial data with great precision. Being a dual master's program, I will gain extensive knowledge in data science and predictive analytics which are key skills needed in our world today as an analyst. I will also be able to acquire management and business development skills that will be key to the fundamental analysis of public and privately held companies. The decision analytics and visualization course would be critical in understanding some of the latest technologies used by a financial analyst in making investment decisions

In the long run, I plan to come back to my country Kenya and utilize the knowledge that I will acquire from this program as well as the experience that I will get working in the US to better the financial systems of Kenya and Africa. I plan to continue working for my startup PitchInvestors an online platform that automates deal origination. I plan to expand PitchInvestors to other parts of Africa and the world. This master's program will enable me to make informed business decisions by integrating data science, business strategy and management science.