

April 13, 2025

To. Trinity College Dublin The University of Dublin

Dear Admissions Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Ashrika Gupta for admission to your esteemed Master's program in Financial Risk Management (M.Sc.) at Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin. As part of the Leadership Team and in the current role of Zonal Head of Institutional Custody with ICICI Bank Limited, I have had the privilege of witnessing her working as a team member for the past two years with the institutional custody team and contributing positively to the achievements of the organizational goals.

Ashrika has been a team player with a positive attitude, demonstrating exceptional professionalism and dedication in her role at ICICI Bank's Custody Group. She possesses strong interpersonal skills and is a meticulous and detail-oriented professional, ensuring precision in every task she undertakes. She is a quick learner and has demonstrated great enthusiasm for understanding the complex regulatory environment for the institutional investor segment she manages. Ashrika's multitasking skills and focus on the task at hand enable her to manage multiple client portfolios efficiently while working in a collaborative work environment and supporting the team at large. Her ability to meet and exceed expectations in the assigned goals reflects her dedication to delivering results and making her an invaluable resource to the organisation.

With a solid academic foundation in B.Sc. Mathematics from Delhi University and an MBA in Business Analytics from India's premier institute - Indian Institute Management (IIM), Kashipur—she possesses a profound understanding of numerical analysis, datadriven decision-making and financial modelling.

Her strong foundation in finance, mathematics, risk management and quantitative analysis has well supported her in designing a risk assessment model for the onboarding of large institutional clients on the bank's Custody platform in a risk-calibrated framework.

Her collaborative approach towards problem-solving and passion for continuous learning and improvement make her an ideal candidate for an advanced academic pursuit at your esteemed university.

I am confident that Ashrika will not only thrive in your program but will also contribute meaningfully to your academic community. She possesses the rare ability to transform knowledge into impact, and I am convinced that she will continue to excel in all her future endeavors.



I strongly endorse her application and am happy to provide the additional information required, if any.

Yours sincerely,

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