

I am pleased to present myself as a candidate for the September 2010 entry to the Masters of Financial Economics Program at the University of Toronto. My academic record demonstrates that I have the high level of quantitative and analytical skills which the program requires, while my finance-related experiences distinguish me as an enterprising individual who can adeptly translate theory and knowledge into practice. Further, my positive never-say-die attitude is reflected in my capacity to successfully seize opportunity and combines with my academic aptitudes to strongly support my pursuit of expertise in financial economics.

In May of 2001 I graduated from UBC's Bachelor of Commerce program with Honours and I am currently taking a supplemental course of upper level study. My studies have taken me from China to Hong Kong to Canada, which has endowed me with an open and enquiring mind as well as a globally-oriented understanding of business and world affairs. I have been fortunate to witness the economic transformation of China, which motivated me to explore how financial markets operate, gain experience in mining investment, and develop business connections. This led me to create a role for myself as consultant to the President of the Triple Tiger Mining Investment Co., and I advised him to begin prospecting in Jiangxi Province, which has the world's largest reserves of tungsten and molybdenum. Since then the company has expanded its area of mining investments to over 500 square km and acquired 21 pieces of mineral rights in China. My ongoing role has allowed me to network with outstanding Canadian and Chinese entrepreneurs, and in 2005, Triple Tiger entered a joint venture with the China National Gold Group, which holds 30% of China's gold reserves and produces 20% of its annual gold output. This project involves the exploration of China's 4th largest copper mine.

My potential to succeed in a financial-sector career and entrepreneurial savvy is further evident in my recent establishment of a global positioning systems (GPS) company to monitor government-issued cars in China. Identifying the potential of this market niche has not only enabled me to be a pioneer in the industry and negotiate with local Chinese governments, but has also contributed to the reduction of greenhouse gases and served to combat government corruption; the GPS system can potentially save the Chinese government \$24 billion RMD annually.

My business involvements have reinforced my desire to gain an advanced understanding of the complex interplay between economics, finance and all affairs of commerce. It is towards this end that I seek admission to the MFE program at U of T. My background and experience reflect an ability to tackle financial, economic and cross-cultural challenges in today's dynamic marketplace. The MFE's combination of theoretical and applied courses, interactive approach, and internship opportunity will enable me to build upon this ability in establishing a solid foundation for a career as a financial analyst or financial economist. I am eager to embark upon the learning curve that the MFE will entail and believe that in the process I have much of value to contribute to my peers and faculty.

