

Personal Statement

I happened to start research on what accountants and their work settings should be like through a tour of the accounting and financing department of my father's XYZ Corporation. This was to produce a drama called *Semi-professionals* in my high school, which was about the conflicts people would meet if their career paths were to be thoroughly changed overnight. Such an episode challenged our stereotypes of industries, careers, and people to a great extent. Most rewardingly, this experience led to my selecting accounting as my career, and it was a powerful tool to realize my life-time mission—to become a problem solver in the world of business.

I was admitted to the University of Toronto because of my remarkable academic records in high school. Such a cross-cultural learning experience further strengthened my independence in living. I delivered satisfactory performances in accounting studies, including the courses of ** and **. With a proper learning habit, my academic exploration is coupled with highly efficient exposure to other fields such as economics. Meanwhile, I earned high scores in mathematical courses, such as Calculus, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, and Statistics and Probability, which made me well-rounded for in-depth research. I obtained an overall GPA of 3.6 (on a 4.0 scale) despite the fact that during the past three years, I have completed ** advanced total courses in finance, such as ***. Due to my strong analytical capacity and time-management skills, I was selected as the teaching assistant to Professor *** for the course of Cost Management this semester. I managed to balance efforts between my learning initiatives in finance and as a TA. At the same time, I was also preparing for the GMAT test.

My internship experiences brought forth beneficial hands-on experiences and unique perspectives toward challenges, as well. Since early summer this year, I worked as an audit assistant with Shanghai Perfect CPA Partnership, where I became familiar with the routine operations of a public accounting firm and learned its way of approaching various cases. I was specifically impressed by my colleagues' attentiveness to details and passion for work. The multi-faceted work lives of accountants further convinced me of the versatility of a good accountant—they must possess strong numerical skills, the ability to ascertain the essence of complicated financial situations, independent judgment based on their professionalism, and irreplaceable work ethics and interpersonal communication skills. By dedicating myself to the routine documentation of accounting information, I realized the propelling role of computer technologies for business management. In addition, I participated in many financial-statement translation projects. For my overseas experiences and comparative studies of different accounting practices, I could fully perceive what was underlined in the display of items and figures in the financial statements. Such project involvement was surely a great chance to test my organizational and expressive abilities. Furthermore, I realized the knowledge gap in my accumulation of advanced accounting theories, which served as a direct reason for me to pursue an MS degree in the United States right now.

I wish to start my career pursuits in the field of auditing upon completion of master's

program in accounting at your school. The CPA examination will be my first priority in order to obtain a more competitive edge. A position of an internal auditor in an international prestigious company or as an auditor in a public accounting firm will offer me a deeper understanding of the role of auditing in supervision, accreditation, and evaluation of corporate management. Additionally, I will try to climb the professional ladder by seeking employment as a chief financial manager. Through several years of experience, I will gradually set up my professional pool of contacts. Meanwhile, I might also pursue a PhD degree because I plan to work as a university professor in China, embracing my strong research capacity for advisory services to my clients while helping and inspiring my students to seek benefits for the entire business community.

*** University is the most appealing place to polish me academically and professionally. It is a home to scholars and professors who have made tremendous contributions to the business and academic worlds. For this reason, I believe my diligence in studying at your program will lead to more interaction with students and professors within the large intellectual bank. I am specifically interested in the tracks of auditing, corporate accounting, and taxation as they fit my career plan very well. The comprehensive coverage of the course contents will help to foster my accounting expertise and professional skills. In addition, the location of *** University in a metropolitan city suggests that I might have the opportunity to seek many internships or other practice opportunities. To further illustrate my potential contributions to your program—my unique Chinese background, strong cross-cultural communication skills, and compassionate nature—I would like to mention my volunteer experiences in Canada to show my coordinative capacity, as can be seen from my resume. I am certain that your respectable program can help me go quite far along the career path I chose if I am admitted to your school.