

# Wei Russo

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## SUMMARY

Motivated financial analyst eager to expand skills and contribute positively at Creative Financial Solutions. Currently holds over two years of experience in reporting and analysis, proving capable in multiple dynamics. Proven ability to translate complex data into strategic insights while working collaboratively with diverse teams including IT, Accounting, and Tax departments. Excited to apply analytical skills towards real-world challenges during this internship and learn from knowledgeable mentors who can help guide professional development. Prepared to make meaningful contributions while enhancing technical abilities through hands-on experiences.

## EDUCATION

### Bachelor's Degree in Finance

University of Illinois at Chicago GPA: 3.8

2025

Chicago, IL

*Coursework: Financial Analysis, Investment Strategies, Corporate Finance, Risk Management*

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Financial Software:** QuickBooks, SAP, Oracle
- **Data Analysis Tools:** Excel, R, Python
- **Reporting Tools:** Tableau, Power BI, Google Data Studio
- **Forecasting Methods:** Time Series Analysis, Regression Analysis, Sensitivity Analysis
- **Project Management Software:** Trello, Asana, Microsoft Project
- **Communication Platforms:** Slack, Microsoft Teams, Zoom
- **Statistical Programs:** SPSS, SAS, STATA
- **Visual Analytics Tools:** D3.js, Canva, Infogram
- **Database Management:** SQL, MongoDB, Access
- **Research Methodologies:** Qualitative Research, Quantitative Research, Case Studies

## SKILLS

- Financial Reporting
- Data Analysis
- Problem-Solving
- Team Collaboration
- Strong Communication
- Forecasting Techniques
- Market Analysis
- Competitor Research
- Technical Reporting
- Excel Advanced Functions
- Quantitative Analysis
- Financial Modeling
- Statistical Software
- Risk Assessment
- Accounting Principles

## EXPERIENCE

### Financial Analyst

Creative Financial Solutions

June 2025 - Present

Schaumburg, IL

As a Financial Analyst, developed effective strategies by performing detailed financial reporting and forecasts that drive informed business decisions. Collaborated closely with IT and Accounting teams to improve the accuracy of data maintained for reporting purposes. Analyzed market trends alongside competitor data to equip leadership with valuable insights vital for strategic planning.

- Conduct regular financial analyses that inform key company initiatives.
- Work in partnership with cross-functional teams including IT, Accounting, and Operations.
- Enhance data integrity for more reliable financial reports.
- Provide management with actionable insights gained from extensive competitor review.

### Financial Analyst Intern

Innovative Financial Strategies

June 2024 - May 2025

Naperville, IL

Supported various department needs as an intern gaining valuable hands-on experience. Contributed significantly to preparing financial reports and analyzing comprehensive forecasts under the guidance of senior analysts. Identified and presented findings of competitive data analysis which aided in broader team strategy formulation.

- Assist with conducting rigorous financial report preparation and insights gathering.
- Present detailed competitor analysis to enhance understanding of market positioning.
- Collaborate with cross-department teams for execution of significant projects.
- Support financial data interpretation efforts vital for ongoing operations.

## LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

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- Created the Student Finance Excellence Award, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- Recognized by peers with 'Outstanding Internship Contribution' award at Innovative Financial Strategies.

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- Certified Financial Analyst (CFA) Level I 📅 2026
- Fundamentals of Finance Certification 📅 2025

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- Member of the Finance Club at the University of Illinois at Chicago focused on networking and skill enhancement.
- Volunteer Mentor for Junior Achievement program, educating lower-income students about financial literacy.

## LANGUAGES

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- English (Native) • Spanish (Intermediate)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Work Status** : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

## REFERENCES

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