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SUMMARY

Undergraduate student focused on finance, equipped with robust experience in financial analysis and marketing. Prepared impactful materials for investor pitches, highlighting market analysis and financing options. Developed financial models to support transaction assessments while working closely with team members. Fostered collaboration by assisting in the coordination of internal reports and ensuring smooth project execution. Driven by results, outcomes consistently led to high-quality deliverables and positive feedback from peers and mentors alike.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Finance

University of Illinois at Chicago GPA: 3.5

2028

Chicago, IL

Coursework: Corporate Finance, Investment Analysis, Financial Markets, Risk Management

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Financial Analysis Tools:** Bloomberg, FactSet, Morningstar
- **Data Visualization Software:** Tableau, Microsoft Power BI, Google Data Studio
- **Statistical Software:** R, Python, SAS
- **Project Management Tools:** Trello, Asana, JIRA
- **Database Management Systems:** SQL, Access, Oracle
- **Financial Modelling Languages:** Excel, R, VBA
- **Communication Tools:** Slack, Microsoft Teams, Zoom
- **Error Checking Software:** SAS, MATLAB, STATA
- **Office Productivity:** Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Adobe Suite
- **Compliance Documentation Tools:** Risk management software, Audit trails, Reporting Standards

SKILLS

- Financial Analysis
- Data Visualization
- Regulatory Knowledge
- Research Methods
- Market Research
- Team Collaboration
- Public Speaking
- Presentation Skills
- Financial Modeling
- Investments
- Analytical Thinking
- Industry Trends Analysis
- Excel
- Capital Structuring
- Reporting
- Communication Techniques

EXPERIENCE

Financial Analyst Intern

January 2026 - Present

University Project

Chicago, IL

Contributed to a simulated investment portfolio aimed at practical learning in finance. Exceeded expectations in preparing marketing materials and financial models that resonate well with target audiences.

- Collaborated with a diverse team to construct advanced financial models, enhancing understanding of financial patterns.
- Prepared extensive marketing documents for potential investors showcasing detailed metrics and strategic insights.
- Conducted thorough research generating a report praised for its clarity and depth during academic review sessions.
- Maintained critical documentation including deal tracking to oversee project timelines and performance evaluations.
- Participated in peer evaluations ensuring only top-notch project quality was maintained across all deliverables.
- Gained proficiency in leading financial tools that streamlined reporting processes and improved analytical outputs.

Finance Research Assistant

September 2025 - December 2025

Academic Research

Chicago, IL

Assisted faculty in fundamental research focusing on optimizing corporate finance strategies. Aimed at clearing regulatory hurdles while providing actionable insights on best practices.

- Supported pioneering research on capital structure which contributed to a journal publication on emerging finance topics.
- Synthesized data from reputable databases to ensure precision in outcomes reflecting contemporary industry standards.
- Crafted presentations tailored for academic conferences, engaging peers through clear public speaking and visuals.
- Coordinated activities among research affiliates fostering collaborative efforts towards seamless goal achievement.
- Engaged in compiling comprehensive literature efforts promoting a nuanced perspective on finance regulations.
- Enhanced expertise in compliance issues impacting investments and corporate risk exposure at a deeper level.

Market Analysis Team Member

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January 2025 - May 2025

Course Project

Chicago, IL

Led an intensive semester project scrutinizing real-time financial performance of publicly traded companies. Engaged colleagues by creating presentations to share lucrative strategic takeaways.

- Analyzed financial health using various ratios along with cash flow trends contributing substantive insights into growth metrics.
- Presented compelling findings alongside visuals received warmly during reviews emphasizing project's analytical depth.
- Diligently conducted competitive analyses revealing potential expansion paths aligned with core business strategies.
- Joined forces with a dedicated team allowing for healthy brainstorming resulting in innovative recommendations based on solid evidence.
- Utilized data visualization tools sparking conversations that ultimately enriched subsequent data interpretation discussions.
- Nurtured collaborative dynamics aimed at yielding effective solutions commonplace in fast-paced corporate settings.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Dean's List, University of Illinois at Chicago (2025, 2026)
- First Place, University Finance Competition (2025)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Financial Modeling & Valuation Analyst (FMVA) Certification 📅 2026
- Microsoft Excel Certification 📅 2026

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- President, Finance Club at University of Illinois (2026)
- Volunteer, Local Non-Profit Financial Literacy Program (2025)

LANGUAGES

- English (Native) • Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST