

Graduate Personal Statement

I have worked for about seven years at the Ministry of Finance (MOF) and Financial Services Agency (FSA), Government of Japan and I have mainly built my career within the field of finance. After finishing your programme, I plan to return to FSA and pursue my career objective which is to contribute to the establishment of fair and transparent financial markets in Japan. In order to achieve my goal, I hope to acquire advanced theories of finance and the ways in which to apply them, as these are imperative for financial regulators.

As a student at the school of economics, Tohoku University, I got one of the best grades in the mathematical statistics and econometrics. I also have completed an in-house the seminar on econometrics of the introductory graduate level including GMM, Unit Roots and Cointegration. This is why I have enough mathematical knowledge to study at your programme.

While I have a wide range of experiences in the financial sector in areas like asset management and foreign currency, I started my career at the XXX from 2009, where I was responsible for research on the financial regulation reform in the US and the European sovereign debt crisis. This experience let me know how statistical models were applied practically and enhanced my analytical skills.

The most invaluable experience I have gained was from my time working as deputy director at the local office of MOF and FSA from 2015. Through this work, I gained problem solving abilities and management skills. While the team's main task was monitoring a security companies providing retail foreign exchange trading services, we were required to prevent each company from collapsing at such turmoil as the historical crash of Swiss Franc in January 2015. I solved this problem by establishing new risk management tools. Moreover, as a manager, I supervised four researchers and allocated duties according to their features. This my management provided the working environment for them to maximize their skills.

Based on these experience, I will be able to convey my copious and diverse financial experiences I have built as a regulator to fellow students. In addition, my management skills will greatly enhance performance of teamwork in group-study.

My professional experiences also notice me the fact as financial instruments and services are becoming more sophisticated and complicated, not only people in private sector, but also regulators should advance finance and investment knowledge capable of responding to these current situations. Therefore, so as to achieve my goal, I need to expand this knowledge which it is hard for me to learn from a regulator's career weighting on law and regulation. Your programme has a balance of core courses and a broad range of electives to suit my needs. This includes the areas important in financial regulation like "Investment Theory" or "Credit Risk Management". Furthermore, I am certain that as I can implement these theories, the practical project such as "Consultancy Project" or dissertation will have a positive impact on my career.

I thus believe that my existing academic and professional experiences would be positively enhanced by your programme. I sincerely hope that you will approve my application and I look forward to the great opportunity of studying at such a stunning city.

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