## What Are Your Research Interests?

As a finance student, my research interests are diverse and encompass a range of topics in the field of finance. I am particularly interested in the areas of financial markets, corporate finance, and financial regulation.

One area of interest for me is financial markets, particularly the role of financial intermediaries in these markets. I am interested in understanding how these intermediaries operate and how they impact financial markets. Additionally, I am interested in investigating the impact of technological innovations, such as blockchain and cryptocurrencies, on financial markets and financial intermediaries.

Another area of interest for me is corporate finance, particularly the determinants of corporate financial decisions. I am interested in exploring how firms make decisions about capital structure, dividend policy, and investment decisions, and how these decisions impact firm performance. Additionally, I am interested in understanding how corporate governance structures impact corporate financial decisions and performance.

Finally, I am also interested in financial regulation and its impact on financial markets and institutions. I am interested in exploring the effectiveness of financial regulation in promoting financial stability, and in examining the unintended consequences that may arise from regulatory interventions. Additionally, I am interested in studying the role of regulators and regulatory institutions in shaping the behavior of financial institutions and financial markets.

To further explore my research interests, I have completed several research projects during my undergraduate and graduate studies. For example, during my undergraduate studies, I conducted research on the impact of financial market integration on emerging market economies. Specifically, I investigated the effects of financial integration on financial stability, economic growth, and financial development in several emerging market countries. This research allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of the factors that shape financial markets and how these markets impact the broader economy.

Additionally, during my graduate studies, I conducted research on the determinants of corporate financial decisions. Specifically, I investigated how firm characteristics, such as size, profitability, and growth opportunities, impact firms' capital structure decisions. This research allowed me to gain insights into how firms make financial decisions and how these decisions impact firm performance.

Moving forward, as a PhD student in finance, I am excited to continue exploring my research interests and to further develop my skills in finance research. Specifically, I am interested in investigating the impact of technological innovations on financial markets and institutions, and in exploring the effectiveness of financial regulation in promoting financial stability. Additionally, I am interested in studying the determinants of corporate financial decisions, and in exploring the role of corporate governance structures in shaping these decisions.

To achieve these goals, I plan to undertake a rigorous research program that combines theoretical and empirical research methods. Specifically, I plan to develop theoretical models that can be used to explore the impact of technological innovations on financial markets and institutions, and to investigate the determinants of corporate financial decisions. Additionally, I

plan to use empirical methods, such as regression analysis, to test the hypotheses generated by these theoretical models.

In conclusion, my research interests in finance are broad and encompass a range of topics in financial markets, corporate finance, and financial regulation. Through my previous research experience and my future research plans, I hope to make significant contributions to the field of finance and to further our understanding of the factors that shape financial markets and institutions. As a PhD student, I am excited to engage in this research and to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to become a successful finance scholar.