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**Professional Overview:** A graduate in Masters in Economics and Management with excellent analytical, problem solving and leadership skills. I have extensive knowledge and experience in Economics, Statistics, Econometrics, Quantitative Finance and Risk Management. I am a self-starter and have immense interest in management and the financial markets.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **North Carolina State University, U.S.**

##### **Research Specialist:** Jul '09-Present

- Researching on the Asian Brown Cloud and the climate change phenomenon
- Prepared editorials for leading journals and publications and paper on the Asian Brown Cloud pending publication

#### **ABN Amro Bank, India**

##### **Wealth Management Intern:** Jan '08-Feb '08

- Increased the client base and constructed diversified portfolios for High Net worth Individuals
- Created and developed financial goals for clients through presentations
- Analyzed mutual funds of various fund houses and evaluated market conditions

#### **Google, India**

##### **AdWords Summer Intern:** May '07-Jul '07

- Carried out a technical project on Gmail
- Evaluated and compared Gmail's performance with its global competitors on a feature-by-feature basis
- Suggested improvements to Gmail, some of which are now built-in features in Gmail
- Worked across cross-functional groups and learnt in depth about various Google consumer products and services

#### **AIESEC, India**

##### **Member:** Aug '05-Jul '06

- AIESEC is world's largest youth run leadership organization present in 103 countries is aimed at developing world leaders
- Worked in a team providing technical and management internship opportunities through AIESEC, to students and working professionals internationally in multi-national companies
- Elected Fictitious Local Committee President out of 300 national AIESEC members at National Leadership Development Seminar (NLDS) 2005

#### **Research Work and Technical Paper:**

- Analyzed the economic implications of the climate change phenomenon on developing and developed nations in 2009
- Paper titled "Corporate Accountability towards the Environment" was selected at the national level and presented at a dialogue with students from other colleges across the nation in 2008

#### **Academic Projects**

- Developed models to mitigate risk in "Risk Modeling of BCBS Health Care Plans"
- Identified root causes for the failure of Bear Stearns in "Case study: Risk Management failure of Bear Stearns"
- Developed and implemented a growth strategy plan for a boutique design company in North Carolina
- Used advanced statistical techniques to predict the amount of rainfall caused due to a cloud seeding experiment
- Analyzed and observed the effect of the Elevated Monetary Base in 2009 on some key macroeconomic factors

**Computer Skills:** SAS, MS Office including advanced Excel & PowerPoint, Solver, Crystal Ball, C++

### **EDUCATION**

#### **North Carolina State University, U.S:** 2008-2010

##### **Masters in Economics & Management (MR)**

- Business courses: Operational tools for Risk Management, Enterprise Risk Management and Entrepreneurship and Economics: Doctoral level Microeconomics and Mathematics for Economists, Econometrics and Statistics.

##### **Duke University**

- Inter-institutional program at *The Fuqua School of Business* in Quantitative Finance
- Modeled security price behavior and worked on pricing derivatives using the Black-Scholes model and beyond

#### **Stella Maris College(University of Madras), India:** 2005-2008

##### **Bachelors in Economics (B.A)**

- Courses: Managerial Economics, Tools for Accounting, International Economics, Environmental Economics, Econometrics, Public Finance and Economic History

### **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

- **Senator**, NCSU Student Government: Dec '08-Dec '09
  - Lobbied for NC State University with Congressmen in Washington D.C
- **President**, Debating Society, Stella Maris College: Jul '07- Apr '08
  - Awarded First Place- Inter-collegiate Parliamentary Debate organized by Loyola Society of Debaters, 2007
- Selected and attended a four day Rotary Youth Leadership Camp at the state level
- Trained in Indian dance forms and classical music