Dear Prospective PhD Student,

Welcome to the Finance Area at the Ross School of Business. The interests of our faculty span most areas of finance and have helped shape a dynamic PhD program.

A highlight of our program is close mentoring by faculty and a tight-knit peer group of students, as evidenced by the numerous joint papers written over the years by faculty with students and by student with each other. Many of our students have, during their PhDs, written papers that subsequently were published in the best journals in finance, including the *Journal of Finance*, the *Journal of Financial Economics*, and the *Review of Financial Studies*.

Our placement record over the last several years has been very strong, with students being placed at institutions such as the University of Chicago, the University of British Columbia, the University of Texas, and Washington University.

We look forward to receiving your application. We consider seriously all parts of the application, including your previous academic record, your test scores, your recommendations, and your essays.

Please contact me if you have any questions about our program.

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