

Early Application (Sophomore Level)

Dear [Hiring Manager's Name],

As a sophomore at [University Name] studying Economics and Mathematics, I am writing to express my interest in early internship opportunities at [Bank Name] for Summer 2026. While I understand that most investment banking internships target juniors, I am eager to demonstrate my readiness through my academic achievements and proactive skill development.

Despite being early in my academic career, I have distinguished myself by maintaining a 3.9 GPA while taking advanced courses typically reserved for upperclassmen, including Intermediate Financial Accounting and Derivatives Markets. My quantitative aptitude is further demonstrated by my performance in Multivariable Calculus and Linear Algebra.

To prepare for a career in finance, I have taken significant initiative beyond the classroom. I joined the university's Investment Banking Club as a freshman, where I completed a 40-hour training program covering financial modeling and valuation techniques. I also secured a spring break externship at [Boutique Firm], where I shadowed analysts and gained exposure to the daily responsibilities of investment banking.

I am particularly impressed by [Bank Name]'s track record of developing young talent and your recent work advising [Company] on their \$[X] billion merger. The opportunity to learn from your team would be invaluable to my professional development.

I understand that this is an unconventional ask, but I am confident that my work ethic, intellectual curiosity, and genuine passion for finance would allow me to exceed expectations. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute to your team.

Thank you for considering my application.

Respectfully,

[Your Name]

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