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To whom it may concern,

Please find enclosed my CV, the list of courses list of all current and completed PhD courses, and a brief essay pointing out the main reasons why I would like to take part to the Entrepreneurship Research Boot Camp (ERBC).

Professor Josh Lerner will provide the letter of recommendation.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this application and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Best Regards,

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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (USA)

PhD, Political Economy and Government - Economics Track, 2013-Present

- Joint program between the Economics Department and Harvard Kennedy School
- Field of Interest: Entrepreneurship, Finance, Public Economics, Political Economy

Università Commerciale Bocconi, Milan, Italy

M.Sc., Economic and Social Sciences, March 2012

- Final Grade: 110/110 *magna cum laude*
- Area of Study: Economics

Laurea Triennale (B.Sc.), Economic and Social Sciences, December 2008

- Final Grade: 110/110 *magna cum laude*

Helsinki School of Economics, Helsinky, Finland

Exchange Program, Economics, August-December 2007

- Relevant course: PhD course in *Topics in Economic Theory and Methods*

Liceo Commerciale Antonio Tambosi, Trento, Italy

High School Diploma, Mathematics and Computer Science, July 2005

- Final Grade: 99/100

WORK IN PROGRESS

"The Political Economy of Fiscal Policies" (with Alberto Alesina)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Professor Philippe Aghion Dec 2013 - Jan 2014
Harvard University - Economics Department

Research Assistant for Professor Luigi Zingales Jan 2013 - July 2014
The University of Chicago Booth School of Business

Research Assistant for Professor Alberto Alesina Aug 2013 - Dec 2013
Innocenzo Gasparini Institute for Economic Research - IGIER

Research Assistant for Professor Paola Giuliano Aug 2013 - July 2014
UCLA Anderson School of Management

Policy Analyst - Intern Jan 2012 - April 2012
OECD LEED Trento Centre for Entrepreneurship and Local Development

- Contribute to the work on entrepreneurship and SME (Small and Medium-sized Enterprises), in particular to the ongoing activities on Boosting entrepreneurship and the SBA assessment
- Contribute to the organization of Capacity building events carried out by the Trento Centre and to the daily work and activities of the Centre

- Research Supervisors: Alessandra Proto

Research Assistant for Professor Carlo Favero Feb 2011 - June 2011
Innocenzo Gasparini Institute for Economic Research - IGIER

Teaching Experience

Teaching Fellow

Harvard University - Economics Department Jan 2015 - Present
· The Financial System and The Central Bank - Undergraduate course

Harvard University - Economics Department Jan 2014 - May 2014
· Corporate Finance - Undergraduate course

Bocconi University - Economics Department Sept 2013 - Dec 2013
· Microeconomics - Undergraduate course

Fellowships

Harvard Fellowship 2013-2018

Volunteer Work

Harvard Italian Society Dec 2015 - Present
VP at GSAS, Treasurer

Bocconi University's Commitee Oct 2009 - Oct 2011
Representative of the Master of Science in Economics and Social Sciences

Software

Operating Systems

- Windows XP, Vista, 7
- Mac-OS

Microsoft Office Package

Statistical Packages

- Stata
- Matlab

Languages

Italian:	Native
English:	Fluent
Spanish:	Very Good

Interest

- Passionate of sports

To whom it may concern,

I would like to apply to the 2015 NBER Entrepreneurship Research Boot Camp. I am extremely interested in Entrepreneurship and see this is a unique opportunity to gain exposure in cutting edge research and meet some of the most active scholars in the field. I hope that through this essay I am able to convey my deep interest, experience and motivation to the admissions committee.

I am currently in my second year of the Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government – Economics track - at Harvard University. I have successfully completed my first-year course work I and am now attending field classes, which are mainly focused on Finance and Empirical Methods in Economics. In this period, I am preparing my Oral exam, which I will take in May in three fields of my choice: Corporate Finance, Entrepreneurship and Political Economy. I believe that this summer is the most suitable time in my academic career to attend the Boot Camp. Indeed, I will be transitioning from the course-work centered phase of the Ph.D. to fully devoting my time to research next year. Moreover, I am confident that I will be able to contribute to the Boot Camp in my own way, by participating to class debate and engaging in discussions with my peers and professors.

There are two main reasons why I think that attending the Boot Camp would be an extraordinary experience for me. First, I think it would be a unique chance to gain deeper exposure to the most recent research in this field. As I mentioned above, I have chosen Entrepreneurship as one of my three fields for my Oral examination, which is giving me the chance to get an overview of the ``state of the art'' on this field. However, given that the field is constantly expanding, I think that there are many aspects of current research that I would like to study more closely at the Boot Camp if given the opportunity. Moreover, I think that meeting and interacting with other fellow students who have similar interests and motivation to pursue excellent research in this area would be extremely beneficial. Second, I am convinced that the Entrepreneurship Boot Camp would provide an amazing environment in which to

developing and cultivate my own research agenda. I would have the unique opportunity to discuss my interests and ideas with some of the most active scholars and faculty in the field.

In terms of research interest, I am particularly intrigued in understanding the channel through which entrepreneurship can be fostered from both a behavioral-peer effect and from a political-regulatory point of view. The US economy seems to start recovering from the recent financial crisis. However, while employment rate continues to improve, America's overall business creation rate continues to drop. This clear divergence has taken my attention. In my research agenda, among others, I would like to investigate the reasons behind this puzzling fact. In particular, has the crisis changed the aptitude of people toward entrepreneurship? Who are the people that ended up being entrepreneurs before and after the crisis? Are these people different? Do they share the same primitive skills? What kind of skills do they learn along the road to become entrepreneurs? Answering these questions is of fundamental importance to understand the reasons behind the decline in entrepreneurial activity. Moreover, it is a priority in order to reshape the role of the government and regulations to better boost entrepreneurial activity to get back to its previous upward trend.

I believe that the endeavors one engages in during the summer of second-year should provide the right inputs to initiate a successful research career. For this reason I am convinced that the NBER Entrepreneurship Research Boot Camp would be a unique opportunity for me, thanks to the excellence of the faculty who will participate and the vibrant intellectual environment I would be exposed to. Thank you for considering my application, and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Political Economy & Gov.

Subject: Political Economy and Government

2013-2014	COURSE	2F	HALF	FULL	CRED	COMMENT
20131 44310	ECON 2010c		B		0.50	
20131 72130	ECON 2110		B+		0.50	
20131 77000	TIME-R				0.50	
20131 86560	ECON 2010a		B+		0.50	
20132 20410	ECON 2010d		B		0.50	
20132 23520	ECON 2120		A-		0.50	
20132 86590	ECON 2010b		B-		0.50	
20132 88990	TIME-C				0.50	

2014-2015	COURSE	2F	HALF	FULL	CRED	COMMENT
20141 13390	ECON 2450a		B+		0.50	
20141 47596	ECON 2412a		A		0.50	
20141 48620	ECON 2810a		INC		0.50	
20141 88990	TIME-C				0.50	
20142 14270	ECON 2725		--		0.50	
20142 44510	ECON 2726		--		0.50	
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