Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a first year student at the Masters program in Applied Economics at the National Research University Higher School of Economics in Moscow, and I am highly motivated to continue my education in the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne to get Masters Degree in the field of Applied Economics via double degree program. This letter is a summary of reasons that make me so enthusiastic about studying in France and prove that I am an exceptionally appropriate candidate to represent Higher School of Economics (HSE) and Russian student community and take part in the Eiffel Scholarship program.

During studying for my Bachelors Degree at HSE I was really interested in different fields of economics and tried to get a better understanding of the all subjects in addition to that I would be willing to focus on in my future specialization. In second year thesis I made a review of the main problems which Russian shareholders face with. Then continuing this theme in my third year thesis I analyzed main determinants of Russian companies dividend policy. The subsequent thesis of my diploma was in the other sphere. I investigated the effects of the Central Bank Communication on inflation expectation stabilization of New Zealand and Sweden. Because of huge interest in these fields, I would like to continue dipping into the analysis of the macroeconomics and financial markets and institutions by means of the courses provided by Pantheon-Sorbonne University.

While completing my Bachelors Degree I also had an internship in the Monetary Policy Department of the Bank of Russia where I could implement my knowledge of Econometrics, Statistics, Financial Markets and Macroeconomics on constructing model which describes a real effective exchange rate of Russia using the same methodology the researchers of ECB use. Moreover, I explored such areas as Risk Management and Programming during my internship and work as a risk-analyst at Alfabank, one of the largest commercial private banks of Russia. I also presented my second and third year thesis at the XIII and XIV Scientific Conferences at Moscow Exchange having three papers after that. Due to this I had third degree increased state academic scholarship for research achievements. In addition, I became a third degree winner of International Olympiad Competition for University Students and Graduates in Financial Economics. After the course of econometrics was successfully finished I became a training assistant. Speaking about online learning, I always try to study interesting subjects on such resources as DataCamp, Coursera, Open Education etc. Besides I am really interested in learning Spanish during last two years. It demonstrates my ability to stay focused on the studying my main area and gain additional skills at the same time, which is definitely a useful skill for studying abroad. I graduated having 7.8/10.0 GPA, entered my current Masters program with the score in Economics admission exam within top 15% and I am highly motivated to only improve my results.

Another reason to study in one of the best universities of France in addition to high quality education and courses that could help with my future career is openness to know new cultures and traditions of different countries. As a representative of a small ethnic group of Russia I have encourage to know more about people and their national specialties as well as to represent myself and traditions of my own region. Also I do not have experience in communication with people except Russian, so studying in European university can give me a perfect opportunity to make it. Taking into account all the above-mentioned, I can certainly say, that my studying in Pantheon-Sorbonne University will be beneficial for me and for the University.

Speaking about future, I plan to work as a chief economist in the research department of such organisations as European Central Bank, International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. For achieving this goal it is necessary to have appropriate skills and knowledge in economics and related fields. So I intend to improve and supplement my knowledge in economic theory which was acquired at HSE with additional insights into Political Economy, Public Sector Economics which will be received in Pantheon-Sorbonne University to reach my aid.

To sum up, my motivation in gaining Masters Degree in Applied Economics is following: improving skills and knowledge in economic theory, achieving outstanding results in science under the guidance of leading professors, widening of communication with people from different countries and developing my knowledge of the world.