

# Nicholas J. Pates

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## EDUCATION

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<b>IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY</b> Master of Science: Economics Areas of Interest: Applied Microeconomics, Dynamic Optimization, Agricultural Economics	May 2013
<b>MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD</b> Bachelors of Arts: Economics, magna cum laude Minors: Mathematics, Finance	May 2011
<b>UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM</b>	February 2010-June 2010

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## QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

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- Experience in developing quantitative models in economics and finance for a regulatory and applied cost/benefit analysis
- An exceptional ability to critically interpret and apply quantitative and qualitative results for decision making processes
- Proficient in STATA, R, TeX Editors, Access, Excel, VBA, Access, SQL, etc.

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## EMPLOYMENT

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<b>US BANK</b> Business Operations Analyst, Business Analytics-Retail Payment Solutions	October 2013-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compiled, updated, and submitted reports to a variety of audiences</li><li>• Administrated and validated databases</li><li>• Worked with a team of analysts and took part in joint projects</li></ul>	
<b>IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS</b> Research Assistant, Iowa Alliance for Cooperative Business Development	August 2011- July 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Performed applied research in Midwestern agribusiness</li><li>• Compiled and analyzed qualitative and quantitative data via surveys, interviews, and databases</li><li>• Worked with a team of professional researchers in a variety of fields</li><li>• Assembled findings into comprehensive reports</li></ul>	
<b>OFFICE OF US SENATOR KENT CONRAD (D)- ND, WASHINGTON, DC</b> US Senate/Budget Committee Intern	January 2009-May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organized, routed, and archived constituent correspondence</li><li>• Documented briefings and hearings and researched federal actions for legislative coordinators</li><li>• Escorted and toured constituents through Capitol Hill</li></ul>	
<b>CITY OF FARGO ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT</b> Summer Reappraisal Data Collector	June 2008-August 2008, May 2009-December 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arranged and conducted field surveys of residential properties</li><li>• Verified and documented building permit completion</li><li>• Performed responsibilities largely independently</li></ul>	
<b>EBERTS CUSTOM HARVESTING</b> Grain Cart Operator	June 2007-August 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traveled through the wheat belt from Oklahoma to North Dakota</li><li>• Worked 70+ hour days</li><li>• Fueled and serviced grain cart, combines, and semi-trucks daily</li></ul>	

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## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND AWARDS

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<b>ISU DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS ACADEMIC ASSISTANTSHIP</b>	Awarded Fall 2011-Present
<b>MSUM ECONOMICS SOCIETY PRESIDENT</b>	Fall 2009-Spring 2010
<b>UPPER CLASS ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP</b>	Awarded Spring 2009