

1. What interests you about the opportunity to work in ALM R&S Portfolio & Balance Sheet Strategy team?

I am excited about the opportunity to work in the ALM R&S Portfolio & Balance Sheet Strategy (PBSS) team because the role perfectly aligns with my previous experience and long-term goal of being a dedicated learner, hard worker, and effective communicator. As a student, I excelled in multiple fields ranging from mathematics, statistics, and data science to computer science and beyond. The breadth and depth of my knowledge have become my biggest asset and have prepared me through my professional experiences. I have leveraged my data analytical skills to make sustainable and profitable decisions that have impacted hundreds, or even thousands, of people's lives. The PBSS team presents a much bigger challenge, yet a more exciting journey that I dream to be a part of.

Moreover, I know that the PBSS team is a group of highly talented and hardworking professionals who thrive in a fast-paced, dynamic environment. I believe that my technical and soft skills, combined with my independence, can be a valuable asset to the team. I enjoy pushing myself to new heights and am thrilled to work with a team that embraces complexity and innovation. The team's focus on developing analytics and contributing towards the formulation of the Firm's strategy excites me because it allows me to leverage my data science skills to analyze key balance sheet strategy trends and formulate strategies under regulatory and economic uncertainty. I am also drawn to the team's quantitative frameworks, such as balance sheet optimization models and quantitative optimization and surveillance frameworks, which I believe will enable me to make meaningful contributions towards achieving the team's objectives.

In summary, I cherish the opportunity to work in the PBSS team because I believe I am a good fit for the team, and I am passionate about applying my analytical skills to a field where I can make a significant impact.

2. Tell us one thing about yourself we would not otherwise know from your resume.

I am an active learner who has a strong inner drive to constantly better myself besides maintaining letter grades and doing internships. I have been setting and achieving goals outside my academic and professional life, which are not shown on my resume.

From a young age, I have set goals for myself and worked tirelessly to achieve them, whether it was learning new sports, drawing, or dancing. As I grew older, my aspirations became more focused, and I began setting goals that would contribute to my career development. Through participating in research programs and publishing academic papers in 2020, I have solidified my academic achievements and honed my problem-solving skills. Expanding on this experience, I obtained two SAS certificates in 2021 to enhance my analytical skills for future roles. In the past year, I have recognized the importance of software programming in the field and have sharpened my programming skills in Python and Java. I have designed a full-stack online food ordering web service and many others during the year for my own interests as well as to broaden my career opportunities.

This year, I plan to build on my strong academic foundation by passing the CFA Level 1 exam, which will give me a foundational understanding of financial concepts and prepare me for a career in the financial industry. The satisfaction of conquering new challenges and achieving my goals is what drives me to continue learning and growing.

3. Describe a situation when you had to multi-task under challenging timelines. What would you do differently if you had to do this again?

Last semester, I was overloaded with rigorous full-time master's courses that includes a super challenging computer network course, leading a web development club, and simultaneously actively searching for jobs. A particular instance stands out, where I had to manage a complex project for the web development club while also preparing for job interviews, all within a tight timeline. In order to complete all of my tasks, I had to prioritize ruthlessly by breaking down larger projects into smaller, more manageable tasks. I further categorized my tasks into four different levels of importance and urgency and tried to complete them before they became urgent. To help manage my workload, I utilized various tools such as Google Calendar and Tasks. These tools allowed me to stay focused and productive, despite having numerous commitments.

In retrospect, if I were to approach a similar situation again in a leadership position, I would have delegated more responsibilities to my team members in the web development club. I have learned the importance of delegation and resource allocation. I should have asked for help and empowered team members to carry out more time-consuming tasks so that the project's quality wouldn't have been compromised due to my overburdened schedule. As someone early in her career, I aim to continuously develop my leadership and task management skills by learning from these lessons. Furthermore, if I were to approach a similar situation again as a team member, I would be proactive, responsible, and productive while understanding the difficulties of my teammates and being able to assist them.

In summary, this experience has taught me valuable lessons in leadership and being a responsible and proactive team member who actively shares the team's burden and moves it forward. Moreover, this experience has honed my skills in prioritization, time and task management, and utilizing tools and strategies to manage a heavy workload effectively.