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UQ Finance major in a high performing software sales team with a passion for technology. Looking to leverage valuable experience in eCommerce, institutional finance, economic consulting and team leadership. Both driven and able to take initiative, having successfully run a business for the last 2 years of university with seed funding from UQ Ventures.

## **EDUCATION**

# University of Queensland (UQ)

Brisbane, Australia

Bachelor of Commerce Majoring in Finance

Dec 2021

• Relevant Coursework: Financial Management, Corporate Finance, Asset Pricing, Banking and Lending Decisions, Management Accounting and Financial Reporting.

# **Brisbane State High School**

Brisbane, Australia

2013-2017

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)QTAC Overall Position: 3

• Relevant Coursework: Physics, Economics, Mathematics B, Mathematics C, Aerospace Studies

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

TANDA

Brisbane, Australia

Workforce Management Consultant (SDR)

MAY 2022 - Current

- 5000+ target accounts and information qualified leads generated for stage one of sales cycle
- Enriched lead data in Hubspot to increase sales development representatives' efficiency
- Building a web scraper for lead scraping using python

HOIL.com.au Brisbane, Australia

Founder

MAY 2020 – FEB 2022

- Sold high concentration Hemp Seed Oil through an eCommerce store
- Imported bulk shipments of 1000+ units per order
- Negotiated with factories and freight forwarders
- Devised a pricing strategy to maximise average order value
- Optimised packaging and shipping process over several iterations to ensure customer satisfaction

#### **China Construction Bank**

Brisbane, Australia

Corporate and Institutional Banking Analyst - Intern

JAN 2020

- Analysed the Purpose-Built Student Accommodation market and opportunities for Built-to-Rent development, in Queensland and South Australia, for future lending considerations
  - o Determined investment risk and analysed other criteria for debt financing
  - o Presented findings to the Director and Associate Director
- Analysed the Australian logistics industry with a primary focus on air freight and the underlying infrastructure facilitating the movement and presented findings as a team

# **UQ Ventures: Startup Academy**

Brisbane, Australia

Runner up

APR 2019

• Innovated a solution for the issue of Medication Nonadherence which costs the United States health system alone over \$300Billion annually.

- Presented the business idea to a panel of judges after the 2-month mentorship and development program
- Received 2nd place and prize money of \$3000

### **HIKA Design Service Pty Ltd**

Brisbane, Australia

B2B Sales and Marketing

MAY 2018 - JUN 2019

- Built a new company website on WordPress (Hikadesign.com)
- Assisted in negotiating client contracts through prospecting and generating leads
- Created instructional videos to increase the efficiency of training employees/interns in PLS CAD
- Learned and used PLS CAD for powerline design

Alliance Finance Colombo, Sri Lanka

Digital Marketing, Summer Internship

DEC 2017 – JAN 2018

- Created a vehicle financing promotional offer for the target demographic
- Increased sales volume by recommended advertising in a national newspaper based on the older target demographic and relative level of income
- Proposed a redesign of the pedestrian crossing/traffic island outside of the head office displaying company branding by meeting with the Sri Lankan Road Development Authority

### **LEADERSHIP**

**Pro Bono Econos** 

Brisbane, Australia

Treasurer, Pro bono consulting NOV 2019 – NOV 2020

- Led a team appointed to provide economic/financial analysis and reporting to further the impact of not-for-profit organisations
  - o Project 1:
    - Footprints Brisbane: Mental Health Department
    - Determined how the organisation could increase spending efficiency and apply for more grants to increase the impact of the organisation

# **FMAA Asset Management Case Competition**

Brisbane, Australia

Team Leader

MAR 2019

- Valued and analysed the given equity, Lendlease Group stock, setting a 12-month target price (\$19.78) and recommending it a buy
- Proceeded successfully to the second-round stock pitching presentations
- Valued the stock within the given five-day period by implementing Discounted Cash Flow Method and Comparable Analysis, with assumptions and sensitivity analysis detailed in the presentation

### SKILLS, ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

Languages: Native in English, Fluent in Sinhala

**Technical Skills:** Microsoft Excel, HTML Code, Google Analytics, Facebook Ads Manager, Word Press, Adobe Photoshop, Google Ad Manager, Shopify

Certifications & Training: CPR Trained, Certificate III in Active Volunteering, Blue Card Holder

Activities: Financial Management Association Australia (FMAA) member, UQ Idea Hub student, UQ

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Society

Interests: Volleyball, Formula 1, Financial Markets, Running

#### Referees Upon Request