

# Michael Tsuruda

## EDUCATION

323-321-4282 (US) | [michaeltsuruda@brandeis.edu](mailto:michaeltsuruda@brandeis.edu) | [linkedin.com/in/michael-k-tsuruda](https://www.linkedin.com/in/michael-k-tsuruda)

### Brandeis University | Waltham, MA

*Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science and Business with a specialization in Accounting and Finance*

Jan. 2023 - Expected May 2026

- **GPA:** 3.59 / 4.00; **Honors:** Dean's List, all semesters
- **Relevant Coursework:** Financial Accounting, Finance, Data Analytics with Excel, Marketing Management, Python.
- **Clubs and Organizations:** Brandeis Investment Club, TAMID Brandeis, Japanese Student Association.

## WORK EXPERIENCES

### Ishare Inc. | Tokyo, Japan

Jun. 2024 - Present

*Research Analyst Intern, IPO consultant*

- Delivered professional analyst reports to over **12 million investors**, leveraging insights from our collaboration with Gyoseki Inc. to empower them in making informed investment decisions.
- Published DCF models and made company information sessions accessible in user-friendly text format.

### Brandeis University | Waltham, MA

Oct. 2023 - Present

*Japanese Peer Tutor for JAPN 30A (Intermediate Japanese), JAPN 40A (Advanced Intermediate Japanese)*

- Lead **6 weekly tutoring sessions** for **30+ students** with a tailored approach to enhance the acquisition of speaking skills through reviewing class materials and exam preparation, **increasing the grades by a maximum of 20%**.

### RELIABLE Inc. | Tokyo, Japan

Aug. 2022 – Oct. 2022

*COVID-19 Patient Assistance Representative*

- Provided COVID patients necessities including food and medical devices at a local government call center, utilized active listening to better communicate with the patients to provide tailored solutions; documented inquiries using Salesforce CRM.
- Managed **30+ inquiries** daily during **12-hour shifts**, adapted to ever-changing protocols while delivering professional, policy-compliant service, and provided straightforward assistance by **reducing call length by 25%**.

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

### TAMID at Brandeis | Waltham, MA

Jan, 2024 - Present

*Fund analyst, Finalist of the national PE project*

- Utilized discounted cash flow (DCF) and leveraged buyout (LBO) models to evaluate potential investment opportunities and facilitate comprehensive analysis of stock pitch and private equity projects.
- Placed 4th in the national TAMID PE group project for proposing an investment decision to purchase SMLR and reselling it after increasing the firm value by implementing strategic changes in sales and distribution, appraised the decision using an LBO model.

### Brandeis Investment Club | Waltham, MA

Sep. 2023 - Present

*Analyst*

- Led stock pitches to determine and present investment decisions to 15+ club members using fundamental analysis of ratios, financial statements such as 10K, 10Q, industry drivers, and the financial market.
- Built valuation models such as Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) and Dividend Discount Model (DDM) using Microsoft Excel and Bloomberg Terminal to evaluate cash flow and calculate a theoretical stock price.
- Advised management of the **\$35,000 equity portfolio** of the club, persuaded the E-board members to incorporate our team's investment recommendations, providing detailed optimal entry and exit positions.

### Japanese Student Association | Waltham, MA

Mar. 2023 - Present

*Event Coordinator*

- Directed the planning and management of **8 cultural and educational events** celebrating Japanese culture, providing attendees with immersive experiences in Japanese traditions which resulted in **130% increase** through providing experience-based events.
- Managed the allocation of a **\$13,000 annual budget**, collaborated with **20+ E-board members** to host events, and facilitated communication between the art team, treasurers, and club presidents to coordinate events.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Japanese Language Table | Waltham, MA

Sep. 2023 - Present

*Director*

- Led a cross-cultural exchange platform for **100+ Brandeis students** to interact with native Japanese speakers fostering oral skills and cultural immersion, securing financial sponsorship from the Brandeis University Japanese Language Program.

### Management of Personal Investment Portfolio | Tokyo, Japan

Feb. 2020 - Present

- Yielded **+60% unrealized gain** with **6% annual dividends** through strategic management of a diverse investment portfolio comprising Japanese equities, ETFs, foreign currencies (USD/JPY and AUD/JPY pairs), and cryptocurrencies (Bitcoin, Ethereum).
- Significantly overperformed the market resulting in **21.2% CAGR** and **sharpe ratio of 2.49** by employing analysis of ratios, financial statements, leveraged a Japanese tax-free investment account (NISA), maximizing reinvestment efficiency of dividends.
- The foreign currency and cryptocurrency portfolio sought short-term capital gains, utilizing historical analysis of the charts and indicators such as RSI, MA, and MACD to determine entry and exit points.

## SKILLS, CERTIFICATIONS & INTERESTS

**Languages:** Native Speaker in English and Japanese; **Elemental Proficiency** in Chinese, Hebrew

**Technical Skills:** Bloomberg Terminal, MS Excel, Tableau, Python, FactSet, Java, HTML, CSS, JS, Github, Unity, Salesforce

**Certifications & Training:** Bloomberg Market Concepts, Microsoft 365 Excel Essential Training 2018

**Interests:** Working out, swimming, winter sports, aviation, learning languages (Chinese, Hebrew), cooking