

# PRAKHYATH SHIVAPPA

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## Education

### Stevens Institute of Technology

September 2022 – May 2024

*Masters of Science in Financial Engineering (GPA: 3.9/4.0)*

*Hoboken, NJ*

### PESIT

June 2015 – June 2019

*Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering*

*Bengaluru, India*

## Experience

### Stevens Institute of Technology

January 2023 – May 2023

*Teaching Assistant — Course: Bloomberg and Thomson Reuters*

*Hoboken, NJ*

- Guided a class of 20 students in mastering Bloomberg tools for financial data analysis, data extraction, and market research through hands-on tutorials and personalized assistance.

### Ebullient Securities Pvt

July 2021 – June 2022

*Quantitative Research Analyst*

*Gurugram, India*

- Partnered with algorithmic strategy teams and vendor data handlers to develop a robust in-house algorithmic trading system, enhancing trading efficiency and accuracy.
- Oversaw a diversified portfolio worth USD 1.5 million, comprising stocks, derivatives, and ETFs, and implemented risk management strategies that minimized losses and maximized returns.
- Supervised and mentored 4 interns, enhancing their skills in extracting and analyzing financial market data from global reports using SQL, resulting in a 20% improvement in data accuracy.

### Vasanth Securities Ltd

July 2019 – June 2021

*Associate Trader*

*Delhi, India*

- Executed quantitative and numerical analyses to design a robust risk management system employing delta-neutral strategies, achieving an average monthly profit of USD 15,000.
- Applied data-driven analysis to formulate strategies for commodities, attaining a hit rate of 40% and a risk-to-reward ratio exceeding 1:2.5, which led to a 10% increase in net profit and a 5% increase in trading volume for the firm.

## Projects

### Bank of America - QWIM Research | *Python, CVXPY, SciPy*

February 2024 – May 2024

- Engineered and assessed three advanced portfolio construction models using network analysis, negative skewness, and machine learning techniques, improving investment decision-making processes.
- Optimized portfolio performance, significantly boosting key metrics in portfolio management such as risk-adjusted return, diversification, and dynamic asset allocation.
- Achieved annualized returns of 10.78% for machine learning, 9.34% for negative skewness, and 6.07% for network analysis, markedly exceeding the minimum variance benchmark of 4.67%.

### Realized Volatility Prediction | *Python, scikit-learn, Kaggle, glob, joblib, Order book*

March 2023 – April 2023

- Crafted predictive models for short-term stock volatility, delivering insights into expected price fluctuations over 10-minute periods, and achieved an RMSPE of 0.341 across diverse sectors during evaluation.
- Utilized advanced statistical and machine learning techniques, integrating features like price trends, trading volume, and market indicators, to provide crucial insights for pricing options and other financial products.

### Nasdaq Closing Price Prediction Challenge | *Python, Optuna, Optiver*

September 2023 – December 2023

- Directed a team of 4 in creating a model to predict closing price movements for Nasdaq-listed stocks in the final ten minutes of trading, employing order book and closing auction data to derive insights, and achieved a public score of 5.47.

## Technical Skills

**Languages:** Python, Java, C, C++, R, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, SQL, VBA, Easy Language

**Developer Tools:** VS Code, Eclipse, Google Cloud Platform, Android Studio

**Technologies/Frameworks:** Linux, Jenkins, GitHub, JUnit, WordPress

**Certification:** Bloomberg, Executive Programme in Algorithmic Trading (EPAT)

## Leadership

### Stevens Institute of Technology

September 2023 – May 2024

*Peer Mentor*

*Hoboken, NJ*

- Guided a team of 5 students, steering their goals and resolving challenges they faced.
- Coordinated inclusive events with 30+ participants, prioritizing comfort and inclusivity, fostering a welcoming and diverse community atmosphere that improved student engagement and satisfaction.