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Education

BSc Economics with Study Abroad | *University of Bristol*   September 2019 – July 2023
Achieved 1st Class

- *Applied Economic Dissertation* – **Awarded Deaton Prize for best Economic dissertation**, utilised advanced econometric analysis of market data within Python and Stata, produced novel evidence of herding in Chinese capital markets in response to COVID-19 lockdowns. Link to dissertation.

- *Data Science* - Applied machine learning models within Python to evaluate the efficiency of salary cap allocation within the NBA, cleaning and maintaining a dataset of over 25,000 observations.

- *Applied Microeconomics* - achieved the **top mark** within the 300-student cohort, applying microeconomic theory to analyse economic policy issues, including health care moral hazard.

Study Year Abroad | *The Chinese University of Hong Kong*   September 2021 – May 2022

- *Mergers and Acquisitions* - delivered **merger report presentation** for a buy-now pay-later company to a panel of CFOs, working within a team of 5 to create financial models and industry analysis.

- *Law and Economics* – utilised microeconomic theory to analyse issues within the intersection of law and economics, including optimal **antitrust regulation**.

A Levels (Achieved AAB) | The Warriner School   September 2016 – June 2019

- Part-time student for the first year of studies due to worsening of chronic health condition, pushed a predicted U grade in mathematics at the beginning of studies up to an achieved A grade.

Professional Experience

Research Intern | *University of Bristol*   June 2022 – August 2022

- Conducted **academic research for British Parliament**, alongside an academic supervisor, on Chinese foreign policy information for the British National Interest.

- Produced weekly research reports, including on Chinese financial industry and digital economy, with theoretical political models and actionable policy insights.

Global Banking & Markets Spring Intern | *HSBC (London)*   April 2021

- Received financial modelling training and lectures by the head of EMEA Research on macroeconomics and financial markets.

Career Peer Support Assistant | *University of Bristol*   October 2020 – July 2021

- Advised over 150 students within careers service, provided advice on career direction and reviewed career documents, during fast-paced one-to-one sessions.

- Only assistant given additional responsibility to lead new SME internship advisory programme.

Customer Assistant | *Marks & Spencer (Banbury)*   September 2018 – January 2019

Extracurricular Activities

Mentor | *Zero Gravity*   August 2021 – May 2022

- Mentored two high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds seeking to study Economics at University. Provided professional and academic advice, delivered lectures on advanced topics.

Fundraising & Finance Coordinator – Bristol | *Student Hubs*   September 2020 – July 2021

- Volunteered on the charity's 15-member executive committee, managed fundraising projects and regional finances. Raised over £20,000 from individual contributions from telephone campaign.

- Produced and co-delivered workshop with McKinsey consultant on becoming a "Trusted Advisor" to over 20 students and professionals, utilising advisory techniques from the book of the same name.

Team Leader, Social Innovation Programme | *Burges Salmon*   February 2020 – May 2020
- **Led 1st place team** in student consulting competition for local charities. Delivered report on improved national fundraising campaign strategy, with a focus on improved campaign messaging.

Awards and Certificates

- *Deaton Prize* - Awarded for producing the highest mark Applied Economic Dissertation in 2022-23.

- *Bristol Plus Award* – Awarded by the university in recognition of contributions to extracurricular activities and volunteering.

- *Bloomberg Market Concepts* – Certificate awarded for completing Bloomberg's introductory financial markets course.

Additional Information

- *Technical Skills* - Proficient in Stata, Python, Microsoft Excel and Office, and Bloomberg Terminal.

- *Interests* – Basketball statistics, Baroque Art, 90's Hip-Hop and Chinese cooking.