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Professional Overview

I am an Economist who is passionate about applying and communicating economic principles to create better outcomes for all. I have 5 years professional experience in economic policy and research. I am on a sabbatical from the Australian Industry Group, where I hold a Senior Economist role, to complete my Masters in Economics at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Professional Experience

Senior Economist (on sabbatical in the United Kingdom)
The Australian Industry Group (Ai Group)

Dec 2017 – Current
Melbourne, Australia

Responsible for analysis and commentary on Australian and international economic developments.

Key responsibilities:

- Providing economic advice and research
 - Presenting economic updates to Government agencies, journalists and business
 - Preparing Ai Group business surveys and research reports
 - Statistical analysis
 - Policy analysis
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Graduate
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

Feb 2016 – Dec 2017
Canberra, Australia

Employed as part of the two-year graduate program. Worked across the budget process, industry growth sectors and modelling workforce requirements to deliver government services.

Key responsibilities as a Data Analyst include:

- Modelling workforce requirements and making recommendations based on the modelling to the Executive
 - Budget analysis
 - Working on whole-of-division projects
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Research Economist
Synergies Economic Consulting

Jan 2015 – Jul 2015
Brisbane, Australia

Hired as a summer intern and upon completion of my internship, I was asked to stay on while finishing my university studies.

Key responsibilities:

- Economic research on wheat supply chains, port facilities and the energy market
 - Policy updates
 - Report writing
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Early Career Summary

Ipsos Research Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewer	2013 - 2015
Strut N Fret Festival Bar Team Bartender	2012 - 2014
Direct 2 Consumer (D2C) Brand Ambassador	2011 - 2012

Qualifications

Master of Science in Economics University of Edinburgh	2021 - Current Edinburgh, UK
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course component will be done by May 2022	
Bachelor of Commerce/Economics University of Queensland	2011-2015 Brisbane, Australia
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Majored in Finance (Commerce) and Quantitative Methods (Economics)• Grade Point Average of 5.6 (out of 7)• Exchange semesters at the University of Massachusetts and Kansas State University• 2012 Dean's Commendation for High Achievement	
Graduate Certificate in Management (Public Sector) University of Canberra	2017 Canberra, Australia
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade Point Average of 6.0 (out of 7)	

Summary of Skills

- Data analysis to inform decision-making
 - Excellent written communication skills
 - Statistical software (R and EViews)
 - Advanced excel skills
 - Ability to present complex economics concepts to a lay audience
 - Enthusiasm for responsibility
 - Attention to detail
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Referees

Julie Toth
The Australian Industry Group
Chief Economist
Contact details available on request

Lisa Hind
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
General Manager - State and Territory Network within AusIndustry
Contact details available on request

Jeffrey Lassen
Managing Director at FTI Consulting
Former Principal at Synergies Economic Consulting
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