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SUMMARY

High-achieving IB student (Class of 2028) at St. Mary's International School with a strong focus on economics, finance, and technology. Research Fellow at Universitas Mercu Buana conducting behavioral finance research, and former Technical Intern at YC-backed fintech startup Rove, contributing to backend development and product execution. Experienced in economic research, data analysis, and programming (Python, SQL, C++), with national-level recognition in competitive robotics. Seeking opportunities in economics, finance, research, or early-stage startups.

EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow   **Jan 2026 - Present**
Universitas Mercu Buana — Remote   *Remote*
Conducting academic research on behavioral finance, focusing on investor psychology and decision-making. Assisting in literature reviews, data synthesis, and research paper development. Applying economic theory to real-world financial behavior

Technical Intern   **July 2025 - Aug 2025**
Rove (YC W24) — Remote   *Remote*
Supported backend systems for a YC-backed fintech startup, contributing to feature development and internal tooling. Helped evaluate loyalty reward mechanics and basic financial models to inform product decisions. Coordinated with engineers and product managers in a fast-paced startup environment, meeting weekly sprint milestones

Research Writer   **September 2025 - Present**
Independent Economics & Finance Writer   *Remote*
Published economics and finance analysis reaching 10,000+ monthly readers. Conducted independent research on inequality, UBI, and data dividends, applying economic theory to real-world policy. Awarded 1st place by the Harvard Undergraduate Economics Association for research-driven writing

Business Analyst (Part Time)   **Oct 2025 - Present**
Rich Diamonds   *Tokyo, Japan*
Conduct market and client research to identify new customer acquisition opportunities and retention drivers. Analyze sales and inventory data across multiple product categories to support pricing, merchandising, and marketing decisions. Build dashboards and performance reports to track revenue trends, inventory turnover, and customer behavior, informing management strategy

EDUCATION

St. Mary's International School (SMIS) — Tokyo, Japan   **2016 - 2028**
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme   *Tokyo, Japan*
GPA: 3.96 / 4.00 Higher Level Coursework: Economics HL, Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches HL Activities: Finance Club, Robotics Club

Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences   **July 2025 - Aug 2025**
Entrepreneurship, Technology & Startups (HUVTSP)   *Cambridge, Massachusets*
Selective summer program ("H15% acceptance rate). Worked directly with founders a startups. Gained hands-on experience in product execution, startup strategy, and venture operationsGained hands-on experience in product execution, startup strategy, and venture operations

SKILLS

Technical Skills: Python, SQL, C++, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Data Analysis, Project Management, Backend Web Development (Foundational), Financial Modeling (Foundational)

Languages: English (Fluent) French (Fluent) Japanese (Conversational Level) Hindi (Fluent)

Additional Skills: Behavioral Finance, Economics Research, Startups & Venture Capital, Robotics Engineering, Technical Writing, Investment & Economics Writing