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EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Master of Finance   **Ontario, Canada**

DeGroote School of Business, Mcmaster University   *September 2022 - Present*

- **GPA:** 3.7/4.0, Entrance Scholarship

Bachelor of Business   **NSW, Australia**

Charles Sturt University   *September 2018 - April 2022*

- **GPA:** 6.25/7.0, Charles Sturt University-Executive Dean's Award

Bachelor of Management | Financial Management   **Tianjin, China**

Tianjin University of Commerce   *September 2018 - June 2022*

- **GPA**：4.1/5.0, First-Class Prize Scholarship, Excellent Student Leader Scholarship

WORKING EXPERIENCE

A/P Accountant Intern| *Clover Biopharmaceuticals Finance Team, Chengdu, China*   *August - November 2021*

- Managed the efficient processing of more than **60 daily invoices** via **SAP**, compiling part of balance sheet **reconciliations** under tight deadlines, demonstrating exceptional **attention to detail**, and introduced a standard operating process. This initiative saved the company at least one week of training time for future interns

- Assisted colleagues pressed for time by efficiently collecting and cleaning data from databases using **Excel**, and interpreting the data with **Power BI**. This effort improved team efficiency and delivered high-quality results

Financial Analyst Intern | *Dyson FP&A Team, Shanghai, China*   *July - September 2020*

- Amidst monthly sales volatility, conducted **variance analysis** on **income statement**, resulting in valuable insights that aided the sales team in identifying and addressing the reasons behind these sales changes

- Conducted financial analysis of profit and expense variances using **MS Excel functions, VLOOKUP**, and **Pivot Table**, skillfully visualizing data through **Tableau** and **PowerPoint**, resulting in **Monthly Financial Reports**. This effort significantly improved team comprehension and ensured the quality of **teamwork** results

- Retrieved and analyzed air purifier and filter financial data, recognizing an opportunity to enhance profits during the epidemic by emphasizing filter sales, despite the primary focus of the sales teams on air purifiers. The interpretation using **PPT** facilitated a successful promotion by sales teams, resulting in **enhanced profitability**

Project Assistant | *Enactus Strategic Cooperation Department, Shanghai, China*   *Feb - July 2020*

- Managed participant data for a **United Nations Development Programme** (UNDP) competition. Established and nurtured client and contestant relationships, promptly addressed inquiries, resolved issues, and ensured the smooth execution of multiple roadshows, contributing to the successful operation of the event

- Analysed industry trends and initiated a new event proposal for a new project, teaching university students interviewing skills, which attracted **over 500 participants** with a **90% satisfaction rate**; later expanded it to offer job referrals, job-hunting skills training, and generated **around $38,000 in profit**

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Portfolio Construction and Analysis | *Financial Economics, Ontario, Canada*   *September - November 2023*

- Constructed a profitable portfolio of 10 stocks and 2 bonds **via mean-variance analysis** in **Python**, conducting weekly performance analysis and presentations to identify causes behind changes and achieving high abnormal returns compared to industry benchmarks and academic performance

- Applied **linear regression** and **Z-test** in **Excel** to analyze the predictability of the VIX index, dissecting the high correlation between the VIX index and TSX index, resulting in a 90 score for the individual term project

CAREER RELATED SKILLS

- Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook), SQL, Tableau
- Intermediate proficiency in Power Bi, Python (Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib), Premiere, CFA Level 1 passed