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Education

BSc Economics with Study Abroad | *University of Bristol* September 2019 – July 2023

Achieved 1st Class

- *Select Modules:* Econometrics 2 (83), Applied Microeconomics (80), Intermediate Microeconomics (78), Applied Economics Dissertation (76), Data Science (73), Intermediate Macroeconomics (72), Public Economics (72), Principles of Finance (71).
- *Undergraduate Dissertation:* "Herding within Chinese Equity Markets in Response to COVID-19 'Lockdown-Style' Containment Measures".

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

Achieved 2:1

- *Modules:* Application of Vocabulary and Grammar I & II (Mandarin), China, Hong Kong and World Economy, Financialization and China's Development, Hands-On Introduction to Python, Law and Economics, Mergers and Acquisitions, Oral Practice I & II (Mandarin).

A Levels | *The Warriner School* 2017 – 2019

- *Subjects:* Mathematics (A), Psychology (A), Biology (B)
- Part-time student due to a chronic health condition.

Awards and Funding

- *Deaton Prize* - Awarded to the student with the best dissertation in economics.
- *Top Grade in Applied Microeconomics.*
- *University of Bristol Bursary* – Means-tested award (£1500).

Research Experience

Undergraduate Dissertation | *University of Bristol* September 2022 – March 2023

- Conducted research on herding in Chinese equity markets in response to investor cognitive stress induced by COVID-19 lockdown policies.
- *Researching Skills:* Data analysis in both Python and Stata. Use of Newey-West Regressions, time-series analysis, binary indicators, Dickey-Fuller tests, Breusch-Godfrey tests, and principle-component analysis. Ability to apply financial and microeconomic theory, including game-theory. Ability to conduct literature reviews.

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

- Conducted research for the British Parliament, supervised by Dr Winnie King, on "Chinese foreign policy for the British National Interest".
- Produced research reports and literature reviews on topics including the Chinese financial sector, internationalization of the RMB and China's digital economy.

Other Relevant Experience

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.

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

- Received data analysis training and macroeconomic lectures from the head of EMEA Research.

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.

Fundraising & Finance Coordinator – Bristol | *Student Hubs*

September 2020 – July 2021

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