

# Sam Blundell

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Oxford

Oct. 2024 – Jun. 2026

*MPhil Economics (Linacre College)*

- Relevant Modules: Financial Economics, Further Mathematical Methods, Econometrics, Macroeconomics, Machine Learning.

### University of Bristol

Sep. 2019 – Jun. 2023

*BSc Economics with Study Abroad*

*First Class Honours*

- Relevant Modules: Applied Economics Dissertation (76 - top of class), Data Science (73), Econometrics 2 (83 - top 5%), Applied Microeconomics (80 - top of class), Principles of Finance (71).
- Awarded Deaton Prize for best dissertation in Economics, conducted econometric analysis of lockdown-induced herding in Chinese equity markets using Excel and Python, utilising 11,000 data points from Bloomberg and APIs.
- Applied machine learning models within Python and Excel to evaluate salary cap allocation efficiency within the NBA, developing a live-updating dataset with over 25,000 observations of league financial data.

### The Chinese University of Hong Kong

August 2021 – May 2022

*International Asian Studies Programme*

*Upper Second Class Honours*

- Collaborated within a team of four to produce a pitchbook for the merger of Square and AfterPay during the class Mergers and Acquisitions, presenting industry analysis and Excel valuation models to a panel of professionals.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### University of Bristol | Research Intern for Dr. Winnie King

May. 2022 – Aug. 2022

- Delivered policy-oriented economic research for the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology on the project "Chinese Foreign Policy for the British National Interest".
- Authored detailed reports on RMB internationalisation, China's digital economy, and capital markets, leveraging political-economy models to provide actionable policy recommendations whilst consistently meeting tight deadlines.

### University of Bristol | Career Peer Support Assistant

Oct. 2020 – Jul. 2021

- Advised over 150 students during fast-paced one-to-one careers service sessions, simultaneously improving student documents and providing career advice. Selected as the sole advisor to lead a new session type among 20 others.

### HSBC | Global Banking & Markets Spring Insight Programme

Apr. 2021

- Developed knowledge of investment banking industry and application of financial data through 40hrs of training, including a financial modelling workshop and an equity pitching competition.

### Burgess Salmon | Social Innovation Programme, Team Leader

Feb. 2020 – May 2020

- Led the first-place team in a student consulting competition, working closely with management of the charity FoodCycle to develop and present a comprehensive report on enhancing national fundraising campaign strategies.
- Contributed to a 94% increase in the charity's donations compared to the previous year by implementing recommended fundraising strategies, including enhancing transparency about fund allocation to fundraisers.

## EXTRACURRICULAR

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### Zero Gravity | Mentor

Sep. 2021 – Jul. 2022

- Mentored multiple sixth-form students aspiring to study Economics, delivering undergraduate-level lectures and providing tailored academic advice, which supported one student in securing an offer from LSE.

### Student Hubs | Fundraising & Finance Coordinator, Bristol Hub

Sept. 2020 – Jul. 2021

- Coordinated within the charity's executive committee, handling concurrent fundraising projects, social awareness campaigns and regional finances, successfully raising over £20,000 within 48 hours through a telephone campaign.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Programming Languages:** Python (pandas, NumPy, scikit-learn, Beautiful Soup), HTML/CSS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

**Digital Tools:** Proficient in Microsoft Excel (macros, VBA, and pivot tables), Bloomberg Terminal, Microsoft Office.

**Certifications:** Bloomberg Market Concepts, Financial Edge Excel Modelling Training.

**Interests:** Member of OU Powerlifting Society, training to compete at BUCS/Varsity. Beginner Mandarin.