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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University

University Park, PA

May 2026

Bachelor of Science, BS, Economics

Work Experience

Wafra Inc.

New York City, NY, USA

Summer Analyst

July 2024 – August 2024

- Completed an internship across Wafra's securities and alternative investments teams, contributing to private market deals, portfolio analysis and investment research.
- Conducted due diligence and market analysis using Bloomberg Terminal, creating and presenting a whitepaper evaluating strategic investment opportunities.
- Built financial models in Excel to assess the viability and risk of an investment deal, presenting the findings to senior professionals and incorporating feedback into projections.
- Attended internal board meetings and shadowed associates in investment management, gaining exposure to portfolio management strategies, client engagement, and cross-team collaboration.

Agility Logistics

Dubai, UAE

Intern

February 2020

- Gained comprehensive, hands-on experience in supply chain management, including shipping, customs clearance, delivery, and warehousing operations, contributing to streamlined logistics processes.
- Acquired in-depth knowledge of warehousing services and operations within the strategic Jebel Ali Free Zone, enhancing efficiency and understanding of logistics and storage solutions.
- Collaborated closely with the customer service and pricing teams, and engaged with the branch head to optimize customer satisfaction and pricing strategies, fostering a customer-centric approach and improved financial outcomes.

Janus Henderson Investors

Dubai, UAE

Intern

January 2020 – May 2020

- Acquired hands-on experience in the full lifecycle management of assets, including development, operation, maintenance, and strategic divestiture.
- Mastered the intricacies of the company's operational databases and gained comprehensive knowledge of various funds, their types, and objectives, enhancing operational efficiency and decision-making processes.
- Created a presentation about the company's clients in the Middle East, Africa, and Central Asia which was showcased to the head office in London, demonstrating analytical capabilities and effective communication skills.
- Proficient in utilizing and managing the company's systems and databases for data storage and deal tracking, ensuring accuracy and accessibility of critical information.

National Bank of Kuwait

Dubai, UAE

Intern

March 2019

- Developed key transferable skills in banking, including understanding credit scores and essential strategies for cultivating strong customer-bank relationships, enhancing client satisfaction and retention.
- Gained comprehensive experience across various banking departments, including retail, corporate, and commercial banking, as well as operations, treasury, and trade finance, providing a holistic view of bank management and operations.

Volunteer Experience

Model United Nations

Vienna, Austria

Dubai, UAE

September 2019 – May 2020

- Represented delegations at an international summit at the United Nations HQ in Vienna, Austria, as well as a local conference at Emirates International School Jumeirah.
- Delivered formal speeches and contributed to drafting resolutions on global challenges, demonstrating strong public speaking, analytical, and policy formulation skills.
- Gained international exposure by collaborating with students from diverse backgrounds, enhancing cross-cultural communication, diplomacy, and negotiation skills.
- Strengthened skills in debate, critical thinking, and assessing strategies while promoting peaceful and cooperative solutions to real-world issues.

Additional Experience

Coursera UPenn Business courses

- Successfully completed four University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business courses on Coursera including:
 - Introduction to Corporate Finance
 - Introduction to Financial Accounting
 - Introduction to Marketing
 - Managing Social and Human Capital

Penn State Investment Association

- Analyst at Penn State Investment Association, enhancing investment strategy and market analysis skills.
- Collaborated on investment opportunity assessments, bolstering data-driven decision-making.
- Engaged in market trends discussions, refining analytical skills.
- Attended industry-led workshops, gaining real-world financial insights.
- Contributed to student-managed investment portfolio development.

Apple iOS Developer University Program

- Engaged in Apple iOS Developer University Program at Penn State, with a focus on swift development and application programming.
- Researched iOS development trends, applying insights to projects.
- Trained in Swift, improving app development and design skills.

Certified Personal Fitness Trainer (CPFT) International Sports Sciences Association (ISSA)

- Acquired comprehensive knowledge and practical skills in fitness training, including client assessment, program development, and motivational strategies.
- Equipped to design and implement personalized fitness programs tailored to clients' health and fitness goals, ensuring safe and effective workouts.
- Stayed ahead of the latest fitness trends and health research to provide informed guidance and support to clients.

University of Porto summer course

- Successfully completed a beginner's Portuguese language course at the University of Porto, gaining foundational proficiency in Portuguese and insights into the culture.