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**EDUCATION** 

Master of Science in Finance, Risk Management Analytics track (May 2025)

Relevant coursework: Quantitative Risk Modelling, Algorithmic Trading, Empirical Finance, Financial Analytics and Banking, Investment Management, Derivatives and Risk Management, Corporate Financial Analysis, Financial Modelling.

Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience (May 2025) Relevant coursework: Statistics, Matlab, Calculus

Skills: Python (Numpy, Pandas), R, SAS, Microsoft Excel (Pivot Tables, VLOOKUP, financial modeling and forecasting), Airtable, Tipalti, Salesforce, OuickBooks, Prism, SOL (Redshift, Oracle), NoSOL, Power BI, Sages Intacct

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# The Veale Institute for Entrepreneurship at CWRU

# **Audit and Project Management Intern**

06/2023 - Current

- Managed the auditing of 40 microgrant recipients and maintained extensive student databases, ensuring accuracy and financial accountability.
- Optimized operational outcomes, leading to a 2x increase in grant funding from Morgenthaler and the Burton D. Morgan Foundation.
- Developed and managed 4 grant databases utilizing Airtable automation, reducing manual workload and improving tracking.

 Jumpstart Inc.
 Cleveland, OH

 Accounting Intern
 05/2024-08/2024

- Managed daily invoice handling using Intacct, ensuring 100% transaction accuracy and seamless financial record-keeping.
- Optimized and enhanced workflow efficiency by streamlining vendor payments using Tipalti, maintaining 100% customer satisfaction.
- Reconciled financial transactions, improving cash flow management and financial transparency, handling over \$250,000 in payments.

Financial Analyst Intern 02/2024-05/2024

- Developed financial models and conducted risk analysis for 30+ new businesses in Northeast Ohio using Excel, improving decision-making accuracy.
- Designed and implemented 30+ financial projections and control systems using Intacct and QuickBooks, ensuring robust financial oversight.
- Created 20+ custom Excel financial models, increasing financial tracking accuracy by 25% across 30 businesses in Northeast Ohio.
- Enhanced financial precision for local entrepreneursby 50% through streamlined accounting solutions in Intacct and QuickBooks.

UDC at CWRU 08/2024-Current

#### VP of Finance

- Administered a \$300,000+ budget, ensuring efficient fund allocation and financial reporting for student-led organizations.
- Managed the allocation and auditing of budgets for 60+ student organizations, ensuring financial accountability and compliance
- Led finance workshops for student leaders, increasing financial literacy across 60+ organizations.
- Consulted with the executive board to develop annual financial strategies, eliminating over \$50,000 of student organizations' debt.

# **PROJECTS**

FHLB Model with Fall 2024

- Engineered a Python-based model for the Federal Home Loan Bank, utilizing PCA to reduce dataset complexity and identify key financial drivers.
- Discovered that 27% of first-time homebuyers were self-employed, leading to policy recommendations aimed at improving housing accessibility.
- Developed automated Python scripts for data visualization and trend identification, accelerating borrower demographic analysis.

## IPO Performance Analysis (Sponsored by PNC)

Spring 2025

- Conducted advanced regression analysis using SAS to identify key drivers of IPO performance across exchanges, industries, and economic conditions.
- Analyzed IPO returns from 1988-2024 using weighted and unweighted portfolio assessments, uncovering long-term market trends and investment insights.
- Evaluated the impact of market capitalization, stock exchange, and macroeconomic factors on IPO success, incorporating data from CRSP and Bloomberg.
- Assessed the viability of IPO vintage investing strategies by examining industry trends, market cycles, and economic conditions over time.\\

# LEADERSHIP, AWARDS AND VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer – Greater Cleveland Food Bank | Academic Representative – Student Government | Dean's List Research Fellow – American Heart Association 2023-24 Interests – Basketball, Marvel Comics, Mental health advocacy.