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SPECIALIZED TRAINING & SKILLS SUMMARY
- Proficient in STATA (i.e. coding, looping, running regression models, and analysis of ANOVA tables)
- Proficient in Bloomberg (used for Investment Management) and Visual Basics Programming
- Able to effectively conduct financial analysis and macroeconomic forecasting using Excel tools (i.e. data analysis, solver, and goal seek)

CERTIFICATIONS
Certified Financial Market Analyst- IMFx: Financial Market Analysis (In Progress)   **May 2019 – April 2020**
- Topics covered: characteristics and pricing of basic financial instruments; measurement of returns; calculating term structure of interest rates; portfolio allocation and diversification; and the basics of risk management
- Gained hands-on experience with application of real economic data

IMFx: Macroeconomic Forecasting (In Progress)   **May 2019 – April 2020**
- Topics Covered: Forecasting with EViews; statistical properties of time series data; forecast uncertainty & model evaluation; vector autoregressions (VARs); cointegration & vector corrections models (VECMs); and combination forecasting
- Learned application based econometric techniques for modeling the dynamic behaviour of macroeconomic variables (i.e. consumption, investment, inflation) and their response to policy changes

EDUCATION
Master of Arts in Economics (MA Economics), *Queen's University, Kingston ON*   **September 2019 – August 2020**
- **Specialization:** Macroeconomics, International Finance, and Econometrics
- **Relevant courses:** Microeconomic Theory, Quantitative Methods, Finance Theory, International Trade, Macroeconomic Theory, Applied Econometrics, Money and Financial Markets

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), *Lazaridis School of Business, Waterloo, ON*   **September 2015 – June 2019**
- **Specialization**: Finance; Minor in Economics
- **GPA**: 10.07/12, *with Distinction (magna cum laude)*
- **Relevant courses:** Intermediate Micro and Macro II, International Financial Management, Investment Management, Applied Econometrics, Management of Financial Institutions, Advanced Micro and Macro, Short-term Financial Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
Macro-Finance Research Assistant, Lazaridis School (Supervision of *Professor Wendy Wu*)   **February 2019 –April 2019**
- Downloaded aggregate data sets from renowned websites (i.e. Bank of Canada, FED Chicago, and Statistics Canada) in order to collect key variables such as CPI index seasonally adjusted, shadow banking rates, risk-free rate (monthly)
- Merged large data sets, renamed key variables, and imported data sets into STATA to run regression models highlighting key regression outputs such as p-values, estimated coefficient, and R-squared values
- Reported weekly to professor with completed tasks and provided summary of key insights on strength of relationship of variables

Economic Development Research Assistant, Lazaridis School (Supervision of *Professor Ridwan Karim*)   **September 2018 –April 2019**
- Research tasks involved downloading Indian data files from ICRISAT website and importing into Excel for data cleaning to provide professor with usable data
- Reported to professor weekly with completed tasks and provided insight on findings such as characteristics of the population and implications on the research
- Merged data sets for various regions in India using STATA and reassigned variables for consistency across data sets

International Trade Research Assistant, Lazaridis School (Supervision of *Dr. Jeff Chan*)   **April 2017 – January 2019**
- Assisted in *Publication*: *Market Access and Occupational Upgrading* by Dr. Jeff Chan
- Tasks included researching and analyzing relevant academic economics literature reviews focused on economic concepts relating to regional market access, increased trade resulting from railroad development in the USA
- Performed statistical and regression analysis on regional data (American Railroads: 1880-1900) using STATA matching data from different decades in United States and focused on summarizing migration between different counties
- Undertook additional training in STATA online course for advanced techniques such as looping for various ongoing projects
- Downloaded raw data from sources and successfully constructed cleaned datasets in STATA and Excel