

Business & Finance Week 2024

Economics Futures : Exploring career pathways alumni panel

Leading the panel:



Petar Stankov
Senior Lecturer in Economics - Royal Holloway University

The aim of the alumni panel was to explore the different careers that individuals have secured once graduating with an Economics qualification

Alumni Panellists were:



Rahul Parmer
Assistant Manager - Moore Kingston Smith
RHUL - BSc Economics 2019

Rahul is a general practice Manager at Moore Kingston Smith in their West End office. He joined Moore Kingston Smith in 2020 after graduating and completed his ACA qualification within the firm.

Rahul manages a diverse portfolio of clients, from owner-managed businesses to large international organisations, primarily within the media and marketing sectors. His role encompasses audit, financial reporting, corporate tax, and a variety of advisory projects.

Rahul is known for delivering a high standard of service in a professional and approachable manner, identifying where clients need extra support and ensuring their goals are achieved

Top Tips

- Get the most out of what the university has to offer, societies, career advice, career fairs etc.
- If you're looking to go into a finance related job, trying to get to grips with Excel as you most likely will be using this every day!
- Try to be productive in your summer holidays. Look at internship opportunities to help build your experience for when applying to graduate roles.



Boglarka Kurucz

Business & Commercial Banking Graduate - Lloyds Banking Group

RHUL - BSc Economics & Music 2022, Masters Finance 2023

I spent 4 amazing years at Royal Holloway completing my Economics with Music BSc (First Class Honours) and Finance MSc (Distinction). Alongside my studies I took part in five different societies and worked part time as a Student Ambassador, Marketing Assistant for the SU and an Economics Department Representative.

Since graduating I have moved to London and started my full-time job as a Business and Commercial Banking Graduate at Lloyds Banking Group. I am completing four six-month placements in risk, platforms, coverage and product while acting as a graduate feedback representative and supporting our sustainability working group. Outside of work, I volunteer as a school governor, perform in musicals, attend networking events and plenty of concerts, trying to make use of all the amazing things London has to offer :)

Top Tips

- Start applying early, some graduate schemes already close in October for a start in next year September!
- Apply to every job you'd be interested in but make sure to maintain application quality
- Be yourself in interviews and mention something interesting about yourself which will make you more memorable to the interviewer.
- Bonus tip: make use of all the free support you get at Royal Holloway such as cover letter and CV checks



Joshua Eдорh

Assistant Economist – HM Revenue & Customs

RHUL – BSc Economics 2020, The University of Manchester – MSc International Development 2021

After graduating with a degree in Economics, I then went on to do a master's in international development at the University of Manchester. Some way through my postgraduate degree, I took up a Prospect Research role at Christian Aid; the organisation aims to work with communities around the world to end global poverty and here I was essentially researching funding. I started out as a part-time researcher and ended up being senior researcher effectively managing the team. After a couple of years there, I then moved to my current role at HMRC as an Economist. I work within the Economic Projects team in Personal Taxes. My role and team are quite project based and wide-ranging often working with multiple stakeholders to complete different types of analysis (e.g. evaluations, costings) on savings, pensions and reliefs.

Top Tips

- Work hard and play hard - in both, be disciplined.
- Be tactical - a role may not be what you exactly want but get your foot in the door (of the sector of interest) and use it as a stepping stone.
- No job is too big for you - just throw your hat in the ring. Take a chance and someone may take a chance on you.



Harry Taylor
Associate Investment Manager – Evelyn Partners
RHUL - BSc Economics 2020

On my desk we manage c.£900m with the desk operating on a discretionary managed portfolio service. The areas I cover are portfolio management, investment management, equity research/ collective fund management and management of the strategic/ tactical asset allocation of the desks risk strategies. I currently hold a BSc in Economics, IMC from CFA UK and the IAD from the CISI.

Top Tips

- Set up your linked in pages to a high standard and use the app for your digital career reflection and job hunting. Use it to see job listings and what type of jobs are out there, and what type of companies are hiring.
- Create a multifaceted CV, which showcases sport, extracurricular and interests of yours, in addition to concise experience and educational areas. Employers want key words to stick out (highlight them in blue for example).
- In order to work in investment management/ asset management, make sure your nonverbal, numerical and verbal reasoning is to a high standard. All jobs will have tests and assessment centres. Do practice papers. If you want to break into industry, and want to look above other students, start/complete your level 4 RDR compliant financial studies (Investment Management Certificate or Investment Advice Diploma). This will make you look more serious.