Cindy (Zikun) Yang

EDUCATION

Rotman School of Management & Department of Economics, University of Toronto

Toronto, Ontario

Master of Financial Economics

Expected June 2026

- Award: \$6,000 Graduate Scholarship
- Upcoming Relevant Courses: Corporate Financing; Options and Futures Markets; Financial Statement Analysis; Applied Financial Risk Management; Econometrics; Microeconomics; Macroeconomics; Financial Economics

Department of Mathematics, University of Waterloo

Waterloo, Ontario

Bachelor of Mathematics with Co-op (Major in Financial Anlaysis and Risk Management, Minor in Statistics)

Sep 2018 - June 2023

- Academics: cGPA 3.81/4.0
- Awards/Scholarships: President's Scholarship; Graduated with Distinction
- Relevant Courses: Fixed Income Securities(A+); Derivatives (A+); Financial Statement Analysis (A+); Portfolio Optimization Model(A+)

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

- The Marquee Group: Financial Accounting

2022

- Passed FRM Levels I and II

2023

- CFI: Fixed Income Fundamentals, DCF Valuation Modelling, 3-statement Modelling

2024

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Investment Management Corporation of Ontario

Toronto, Ontario

May 2022 - Aug 2022

Intern – Investment Risk Research

- Worked closely with Private Equity, Infrastructure & Real Estate teams to validate investment restrictions
- Leveraged Bloomberg Terminal to source relevant market information, conducted pre- and post- investment risk analysis that were critically reviewed and endorsed by the CRO and the investment team
- Collaborated directly with managing directors to formulate stagflation analysis grounded in the best practices of private markets
- Generated daily liquidity risk report with VBA while monitoring changes resulting from cash position changes

AXA Tianping Property & Casualty Insurance

Shanghai, China

Intern – Risk Management

Set 2021 - Dec 2021

- Utilized VBA to identify, analyze and quantify branch risk indicators to enhance Own Risk and Solvency Assessment (ORSA) report
- Prepared risk commentary memos, reports and decks to provide summaries on the risk status at the branch level

TD Securities, Toronto-Dominion Bank

Toronto, Ontario

Intern - Business Analyst

Jan 2021 - April 2021

- Developed visualizations using Tableau to automate several management-reporting processes
- Utilized Confluence™ to engineer an advanced financial project management toolset, enabling real-time financial oversight and insight into multiple initiatives

Royal Bank of Canada

Toronto, Ontario

Intern – Mortgage Funding Closing

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Conducted due diligence reviews of mortgage applications, achieving a performance ranking of #1 out of 25 interns
- Acquired in-depth expertise in mortgage application and approval workflows, becoming proficient in navigating the complexities of financial assessment, credit checks, and regulatory compliances.

Treasury Board Secretariat

Toronto, Ontario

Intern – Enterpirse Risk

Sep 2019 - Dec 2019

- Utilized Excel VBA to streamline the data collection and aggregation process in the Risk Register Template
- Assisted the team in organizing 5 Enterprise Risk Management training sessions for senior management in public sectors

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

IMCO Intern Shark Tank Stock Pitch Competition

Toronto, Ontario

1st Place Team

Aug 2022

- Placed first among 30+ participants in IMCO's intern stock pitch competition.
- Conducted Consumer Discretinary sector analysis on DCF/comps valuation using Bloomberg Terminals and Capital IQ

PERSONAL

- Technical skills: Familiar with Excel VBA, Tableau, SQL and Python (Beginner)
- Languages: English, Mandarin
- Interest: Modified Cars (UpNorth Car Club), Boxing