

Jayden Plener

EDUCATION

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

Master of Financial Economics

Toronto, Ontario

Expected June 2026

– **Scholarship:** MFE Entrance Scholarship (\$6,000)

– **Relevant Courses:** Corporate Financing II (MBA), Options and Futures (MBA), Econometrics (MA), Financial Economics (MA)

Rotman Commerce, University of Toronto

Bachelor of Commerce, Finance and Economics Specialist with a Focus in Data Science

Toronto, Ontario

2020 – 2024

– **Academics:** cGPA 4.0/4.0 (top 1%)

– **Awards:** Director's Award for Academic Excellence (2024), Dean's List Scholar (2020-2024), CFA Student Scholar (2023), CPA Ontario Case Competition Winner (2020)

– **Scholarships (\$40,000 total):** Fletcher-Clark Scholarships in Science and Economics (2024), (2023), Fred Friedlander Scholarship (2023), Hamilton Family Scholarship (2023), Atkinson Undergraduate Award (2022), UC Alumni Scholarship (2022), Dora Burke Playfair Leadership Award (2022, 2021), The UTAA War Memorial Scholarship (2021), Peggy Gale Residence Scholarship (2021)

– **Relevant Courses:** Risk Management (A), Corporate Finance (A+), Fixed Income Securities (A), Financial Trading Strategies (A), Investments (A), Money Banking and Financial Markets (A+), Econometrics (A+), Microeconomics (A+), Macroeconomics (A+)

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

– **CFI:** Fixed Income Fundamentals, DCF Valuation Modelling, 3-Statement Modelling

2024

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mastercard Data & Services

Intern – Associate Consultant

Toronto, Ontario

May 2023 – Aug 2023

- Collaborated on two teams who facilitated data-driven decision making for Fortune-500 clients in the CPG and insurance sectors
- Applied A/B testing and causal inference (using test-control matching) to evaluate client initiatives from a statistical standpoint
- Utilized SQL to refine data-import procedures for the ingestion of client data on a recurring basis as well as resolving inconsistencies
- Prepared and presented client-facing slide-decks for use in trainings, result, and steering-committee presentations

Department of Economics, University of Toronto

Teaching Assistant

Toronto, Ontario

Sep 2022 – Apr 2023

- Hand selected as 1 of 2 undergraduate students to be a Teaching Assistant for Microeconomic Theory and Application (ECO204)
- Received "Exceeds Expectations" in performance evaluation for fairness/accuracy, punctuality, and overall performance
- Assisted with invigilating, evaluating, and providing feedback for approximately 500 students over 4 term tests (~6,000 questions)

Canada's Wonderland, Cedar Fair

Fraud Analyst

Vaughan, Ontario

Apr 2022 – Oct 2022

- Collaborated in a team of 3 to investigate and prevent internal and external fraud, such as employee theft and chargebacks
- Collaborated across departments and with local law-enforcement to uncover an internal refund fraud ring involving \$40k+ in loss
- Leveraged data mining in Python to design a live filter which identified high-risk transactions and prevented \$100k+ in loss
- Automated internal chargeback data-entry and processing using Excel Power query which saved ~16 man-hours/week

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & RELEVANT ACADEMIC PROJECTS

The Relative Importance of Professional and Household Inflation Expectations

Research Paper

December 2023

- Investigated the role professional and household surveyed expectations have on the ex-ante inflation used to price financial products
- Modeled financial product pricing by analyzing prime rates, real returns, and financial frictions from 1980-2023
- Uncovered that ex-ante inflation more closely tracks household expectations in the post GFC-era; largely driven by secular stagnation

Rotman Commerce Students' Association, University of Toronto

Students' Affairs Committee Member

Toronto, Ontario

Sep 2020 – Apr 2023

- Member of a team representing over 2,700 students in Rotman Commerce to advocate for and solve unmet student needs
- Assisted in the organization, marketing, and virtual adaptation of many clubs' programming due to the COVID-19 disruptions
- Co-planned the 'Second-Year Social Series,' organizing excursions for 700 students to Canada's Wonderland, and the Toronto Island

PERSONAL

- **Technical skills:** Experienced in Python, SQL, Excel, PowerPoint, Confluence, JIRA; Beginner in STATA, VBA, LaTeX, and R
- **Languages:** English, French (beginner)
- **Interests:** Credit Card Churning, Deal Hunting, Mug Collector, PC building, Chess, Snowboarding, E-sports (Rocket League)