Leon (Leyang) Zhou

EDUCATION

Rotman School of Management & Department of Economics, University of Toronto   Toronto, Ontario
Master of Financial Economics   *Expected June 2026*
- **Academics:** cGPA 4.0/4.0
- **Awards:** MFE Graduate Entrance Scholarship ($4,000); 2026 MFE Quantitative Contest (Winner)
- **Relevant Courses:** Corporate Financing II (MBA); Options and Futures Markets (MBA); Financial Economics (A+)

Department of Economics, Dalhousie University   Halifax, Nova Scotia
Bachelor of Arts (Honours in Economics, Minor in Statistics)   *Fall 2020 – 2024*
- **Academics:** cGPA 3.88/4.0
- **Scholarships:** Dalhousie In-Course Scholarship; Prof. W. Russell Maxwell Memorial Scholarship
- **Awards:** First Class Honours; Dean's List (all semesters); Graduated with Distinction; Dr. Jean Elliott Memorial Fund
- **Relevant Courses:** International Finance (A+); Econometrics (A); Accounting (A+); Cost Benefit Analysis (A+); Data Analysis (A+); Calculus (A+); Linear Algebra (A); Probability Statistics (A+); Data Mining (A+); R Language (A+); Regression Analysis (A-)

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

- Corporate Finance Institute (CFVA, Modelling & Accounting, Financial Excel, Data Science)   *2024*
- Training The Street (Financial Statement Modeling, DCF Modeling, M&A Modeling)   *2024*
- Bloomberg Market Concepts   *2023*
- Coursera (Python Programming)   *2023*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Qingdao Hexie Biotechnology   Shandong, China
Financial Analyst Intern   *Winter 2024*
- Developed cash flow models for biotech projects, forecasting revenues and R&D costs to evaluate investment viability and needs
- Conducted NPV and IRR analyses to assess potential return on investment for new drug candidates and research initiatives
- Performed sensitivity analysis on key assumptions (e.g. market size, pricing) to evaluate impacts on cash flows and valuations

Agricultural Bank of China   Inner Mongolia, China
Customer Relationship Management Intern   *Summer 2021*
- Utilized term loans, revolving credit facilities, and treasury services to deliver tailored financial solutions to clients
- Carried out market research on macroeconomic indicators and industry benchmarks to provide actionable insights to clients
- Leveraged software (e.g., SQL, Python, Power BI) for data visualization and report generation, improving operational efficiency

Inner Mongolia Huameng Investment Management   Inner Mongolia, China
Equity Research Intern   *Summer 2020*
- Conducted comprehensive equity research on automotive industry companies, developed 3-statement models to inform investment strategies, and created visual content for dashboards
- Conducted in-depth research on companies, evaluated management through industry comparisons, benchmarking

RELEVANT ACADEMIC PROJECTS

The Correlation Between Corporate Tax Rates and Foreign Direct Investment ([Paper](#))   Halifax, Nova Scotia
Honors Thesis   *Winter 2023*
- Analyzed FDI and corporate tax rates using time-fixed effects across 163 countries, finding higher taxes generally reduce FDI
- Used Stata for regression analyses on over 2,400 World Bank panel data points and cleaned data using Python
- Classified 401 tax haven occurrences, discovering that lax regulations, not lower taxes, attract investments

The Impact of Property Taxes on Housing Prices in America ([Paper](#))   Halifax, Nova Scotia
Econometrics Project   *Winter 2022*
- Conducted OLS analysis on 506 Boston units, and discovered that an average annual property tax increase of $1,000 per household led to a 1.3% increase in housing prices
- Proposed policy recommendations to incrementally raise property taxes to fund infrastructure and job creation, thereby enhancing property values

PERSONAL

- **Technical Skills**: Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Bloomberg Terminal Services, Stata, Python, SQL, FactSet, R
- **Languages**: Mandarin, English, Cantonese
- **Interests**: Traditional Chinese Painter, Cat Enthusiast, Cantonese Pop Music