



Profile: Khadija Khan | BSc Accounting and Finance, Pakistan

'The degree taught me the importance of time. It taught me how to wake up early in the morning and have breakfast (a meal I would always skip otherwise) – because I could never understand something like Microeconomics without it. It taught me how to finish a question within a given time frame – because an hour's delay could turn into a week's delay – and a week's delay sometimes had the capacity to make one lag behind by even a month.

It taught me how to be patient – how? Often times there were forces within my personal life, which had the potential to drive me up the wall – but I confronted them calmly, because losing self-control would have meant missing the study deadlines I had scheduled for myself. If it wasn't for the challenges of this degree, I would not be half the individual I am today.

I am currently studying MSc Accounting and Finance at LSE, and have been awarded a full scholarship by the University of London International Programmes to do so. Because I am already aware of the examiners' marking schemes, the kind of writing skills they require etc, I am well-placed to sit the exams, compared to other international students who sometimes have to attend classes such as 'writing skills' in order to get accustomed to the 'LSE system'.

As far as the curriculum is concerned, it seems as if I'm simply studying a more advanced version of all the topics that were covered in my undergraduate degree. Therefore, I have a strong edge over other students who did their degrees from local universities in their home countries.

I wish to start my career as an Equity Research Analyst. I intend on

gaining experience within the City of London, which lies at the heart of the world of securities and investments.

The thought of someone sitting in India, Pakistan, Singapore etc, not wanting to receive a degree from the University of London at a lower cost, while in the comfort of their home countries, is absolutely mind boggling! It is a must.

Here is an honest confession: if I had to choose between the love of my life, and the University of London, it would definitely be the latter. This is something I always said to my friends in Pakistan.'

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