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EDUCATION

Aalto University

Helsinki, Finland

MSc Finance – 84/120 ECTS

09/2024 – Expected 01/2026

- **Current Grade:** 4.77/5.00 (UK 1st) - Accelerated, projected to finish programme in three semesters instead of four
- **Thesis:** Project Financing and Real Options Analysis of Financial Viability of Small Modular Reactors in Finland
- **Courses:** M&A and Alternative Investment Capstones, Financial Statement Analysis, Advanced Corporate Finance

Bocconi University

Milan, Italy

BSc Economics, Management, and Computer Science – 180 ECTS

09/2020 - 06/2023

- **Final Grade:** 107/110 (UK 1st)
- **Thesis:** Impacts of Cyber Attacks on Stock Prices - Market Model Event Study on Data Leaks in US Publicly Traded Companies
- **Courses:** Maths analysis & statistics, Finance, Computational Microeconomics, Econometrics, Machine Learning

St George's British International School

Rome, Italy

International Baccalaureate

09/2018 - 05/2020

- **Final Grade:** 40/45

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mehiläinen

Helsinki, Finland

Business Analyst Intern → Business Analyst

09/2025 -

- Developed a pricing model for a multi-million healthcare outsourcing tender, optimizing bid structure and assessing projected contract profitability
- Conducted a feasibility study for a M&A transaction, analysing market share dynamics across Finnish welfare areas (*hyvinvointialueet*)

Wärtsilä

Helsinki, Finland

Investor Relations Intern

08/2025 - 09/2025

- Conducted benchmarking analysis of 25+ peer companies' data centre positioning and guidance disclosure
- Produced investor roadshow presentations and stakeholder meeting materials for senior management
- Assisted Workiva reporting platform adoption by building an annual report template and leading training sessions

Aalto Finance Department

Helsinki, Finland

Research Assistant

05/2025 - 08/2025

- Quantified partisan investor behaviour by comparing Intrade and Polymarket prediction markets
- Benchmarked Volume Conditional Variance against established information asymmetry metrics, proving superior performance in detecting hidden trading signals compared to industry-standard measures
- Evaluated financial data sources across 1,500+ theses to provide insights on licensing optimization

Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO)

Washington DC, USA

Treasury Intern

01/2025 - 04/2025

- Conducted process mapping of core Treasury functions to identify activities for outsourcing
- Analysed contracts with top 15 suppliers, to optimize cash management unlocking \$80M in investment potential

Cyberwatch Finland

Helsinki, Finland

Junior Analyst → Analyst

06/2021 - 09/2021, 06/2022 - 09/2022

- Prepared a cyber threat analysis for a listed Finnish energy multinational for Eastern European market entry
- Produced client pitch materials for a global food producer operating across 60+ countries

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Finnish Defence Forces

Parolannummi, Finland

Reserve Sergeant

07/2023 - 06/2024

- Trained and led squad of 20 conscripts in armoured artillery observation as a part of rapid response forces - VYKS
- Elected representative in the conscripts welfare association and received award for brigades best representative

Bocconi AI & Neuroscience Association

Milan, Italy

Co-Founder & Production Head

05/2022 - 06/2023

- Supervised a student research team exploring cryptocurrency forecasting models using social media sentiment analysis reaching 35% adjusted R^2
- Oversaw teams working with an African education financing venture to predict credit risk and potential ROI

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Languages: Native Finnish and English; C1 Proficient Italian; B2 Intermediate French; A2 Beginner Swedish
- Technical Skills: Python, JavaScript, R, SQL, DAX (PBI), Microsoft Office, Refinitiv, WRDS
- Interests: Formula 1, Football, Tennis, Cooking
- Volunteering: World Food Programme (WFP)