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Experience level: Graduate



Investment Analyst

We are looking for an outstanding graduate to become an investment analyst for us. The role involves providing all kinds of investment advice to a wide range of clients. As an analyst you will work as part of a team and initially you will be supporting the more experienced analysts and consultants. As you develop you will be able to take on more responsibility.

Whilst working with us you be expected to study to be an actuary (through the exams run by the Institute/Faculty of Actuaries) or to be a Chartered Financial Analyst (through the exams run by the CFA Institute). You will also study for the Investment Management Certificate.

You duties will include:

- Analysing financial data to produce reports
- To help develop suitable investment strategies for clients, producing reports as required
- Dealing with queries received from clients

You will need:

- A minimum 2:1 honours degree expected or obtained in a numerical or semi- numerical degree
- An interest in financial markets and market conditions is essential
- The ability to be self-motivated, with an eagerness to learn and to keep up to date with financial issues, market conditions etc.
- The ability to work well as part of a team

They clearly want a strong graduate so you will want to demonstrate that you have been more than "average:" in terms of your course grades but also how you have used your time at university; can you point to any other achievements - perhaps things you have organised, participated in, competed in or led?

The job offers clear development opportunities which is appealing

This provides you with some security as you will be gaining useful qualifications. However, it does mean your studies don't end with university so you need to be willing to hit the books again.

Economics will have helped you to make sense of data, to look for trends over time and between comparable businesses, to look for the causes and consequences of changes in different variables.

Economics helps us to analyse a situation so we can decide what to do next; it informs policy making so you should be used to making recommendations.

This requires people skills so you will want to be someone who can listen to customers, make sure you understand that they really want and can then provide suitable advice.

Hopefully Economics will have given you some insight onto financial markets such as the market for shares. It will also give you the tools to analyse different markets.

We hope this book will stimulate your interest in micro and macro economics. Through the use of case studies and the examples we provide we hope to make the subject relevant and contemporary with the aim of stimulating your interest so you follow these issues in the news.

You will probably have worked in teams for presentations or in seminars; you can also use experience from outside of your academic studies such as team work in sport or in your part time work.

- Strong communication skills
- The ability to work well under pressure, with the ability to prioritise and manage multiple tasks
- The ability to maintain a good work-life balance

You are well aware from university of the need to juggle different demands and the need to meet deadlines such as hand-in dates.

Economics is not just about analyzing issues but being able to express your findings to other.

This suggests the employer wants a well-rounded person.

So can you show achievements in areas other than your studies?

Overall comment: a potentially interesting job where you can gain further qualifications, where there is progression over time and which builds on many of the skills of studying Economics: analysing data, summarizing and communicating your findings and keeping up-to-date with changes in market conditions.