



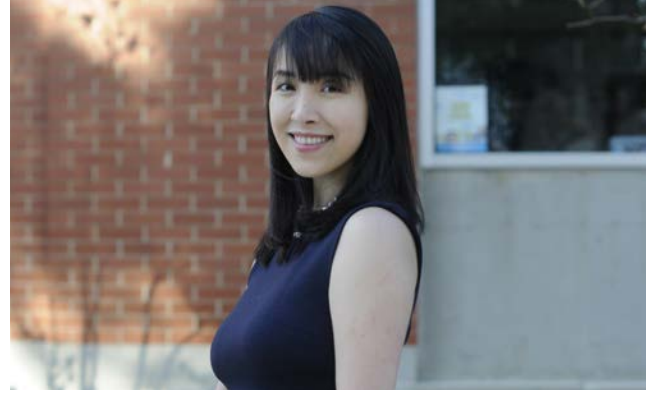
Rotman School of Management
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Forté Fellow Lookbook

CLASS OF 2022



The Forté Fellows Program was created with the intention of increasing the number of women applying to and enrolling in MBA programs by offering fellowships to women. Rotman School of Management is a sponsor school of Forté Foundation and a strong supporter of women in business. To date, Rotman has given nearly \$2 million to over 100 Forté Fellows. For the Class of 2022, Rotman has awarded Forté Fellowships to 22 talented women.



Aderonke Akinsola

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science
UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS, NIGERIA

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Head, Financial Services Research
CHAPEL HILL DENHAM, LAGOS, NIGERIA

Investment Research Analyst
**MERISTEM SECURITIES LIMITED,
LAGOS, NIGERIA**

Aderonke discovered her passion for finance and investment after winning high school competitions by capital market regulators. So far, her career has been focused on investment research. She plans to apply her knowledge and experience towards earning the best risk-adjusted return on investments. She also strongly believes in developing tailor made products that are targeted at addressing specific consumer needs and broader societal challenges. Aderonke volunteered for the CFA Society of Nigeria as an industry mentor and judge at competitions for university students. She also runs an online community (The LayWOMan Investor) that focuses on financial and investment education.

Anam Hussain

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Physics (Major), Minor in Mathematics and Minor in Management of Technology

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Team Manager, Risk & Compliance
DOW JONES, BARCELONA, SPAIN

Anam is passionate about empowering and developing people, from her team at Dow Jones to the underprivileged. Her enthusiasm for improving workflows and problem solving won her multiple accolades for leading innovation and business process automation projects at work. Anam has lived in Pakistan, Singapore and Spain and has been volunteering in areas of special education, refugee crisis, women empowerment and data science for good. She dreams of providing low-cost consulting services to social enterprises in Pakistan. In Singapore, she led an award-winning student organisation to inspire and foster entrepreneurship in Southeast Asia. She enjoys scuba diving and hiking.

Areeba Humayun

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science (Honours),
Accounting & Finance

**LAHORE UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT
SCIENCES, LAHORE, PAKISTAN**

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Brand Manager

UNILEVER, KARACHI, PAKISTAN

Sales Revenue Planner

**MONDELÉZ INTERNATIONAL, KARACHI,
PAKISTAN**

Areeba is passionate about brand management and innovation; she thrives on delivering unique, personalized experiences to consumers. As the marketing lead for a Skin Care brand at Unilever, she spearheaded the digital transformation by curating compelling content and launched a product that blended beauty with hygiene during the pandemic. Having spent the majority of her career in sales, a male-centric profession in Pakistan, Areeba aspires to be a catalyst for women's advancement in the workplace. She is an avid photographer, who likes to paint and travel in her spare time.

Emma Patriquin

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Honours Bachelor of Arts,
Economics and Financial
Management

**WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY,
WATERLOO, CANADA**

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate

**DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS,
TORONTO, CANADA**

Emma spearheaded the “Women & Wealth” initiative at Dimensional Canada. The objective was to improve financial professionals’ understanding of how to meet the needs of their female clients and to be more equitable in the service offering. Through this initiative and her passion to support women and education, Emma came across The WoodGreen Foundation. Presently, Emma sits on WoodGreen’s Young Leaders Council. The council was established to inspire young professionals to develop their understanding of private-sector boards and to serve as an introduction to the social services space in Toronto.

Fabiola Diaz Mier

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of International Business
(Honours)

**INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO Y DE
ESTUDIOS SUPERIORES DE MONTERREY,
PUEBLA, MEXICO**

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Brand Manager for Vitalinea
and Benegastro

DANONE, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Assistant Brand Manager Activia

DANONE, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

As a flamenco dancer since age eight, Fabiola has always been ardent about merging creativity and discipline. She is passionate about leveraging consumer insights to bring forth innovation that touches people's lives. She previously worked in marketing in the consumer goods industry and led twelve product launches. Her favorite project prior to the MBA was working on a brand manifesto with the global headquarters and adapting it to a local level to reach Mexican consumers. She loves to surround herself with people of different backgrounds and immerse herself in different cultures. Fabiola has traveled to 18 countries and wishes to visit all continents at least once.

Iris Yang

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Master of Science in Management and Strategy

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE (LSE), LONDON, UK

Bachelor of Economics in Finance

NANJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY, NANJING, CHINA

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

China Leisure Travel Technical Underwriter

AIG INSURANCE COMPANY CHINA LTD. NANJING, CHINA

A&H Business Analyst & Underwriter

PEOPLE'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF CHINA (PICC) P&C NANJING, CHINA

Having been an energetic business analyst and underwriter for seven years in personal insurance, Iris has witnessed diversified market approaches and strategies in Chinese and international insurance companies. With experience in enormous transformation caused by the pandemic, she is eager to take a bold part in shaping the future of insurance. Out of family trait, Iris is a book enthusiast and has proudly served as an external editor in a local university press for five years in business, culture, philosophy and translation studies. She is also an energetic sparkle in local business communities as well as an empathic volunteer.



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Humanities,
Philosophy and Literature Stream

**UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA,
SALAMANCA, SPAIN**

Master of Arts in Translation,
Interpreting and Intercultural Studies

**AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA
BARCELONA, SPAIN**

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Demand Planner

WERFEN, BARCELONA, SPAIN

Fluent in four languages and having lived in three countries across two continents, Ivy is driven by what bonds human beings from diverse backgrounds together. Her focus on the global market led her to Corporate Supply Chain at Werfen, a worldwide leader in vitro diagnosis headquartered in Barcelona, Spain, where she excelled as a cross-cultural communicator and analytical process innovator. She also worked as a freelance translator and provided translation services from English, Spanish and French to Chinese to a wide range of corporate clients. Committed to fostering a culture of collaboration and support wherever she goes, she looks forward to contributing to the Rotman community. In her free time, she enjoys reading and writing fiction, mostly in English and in her mother tongue, Chinese.

Marcelline Merry

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts - Economics and
Financial Economics

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, USA

Master of Accountancy and
Valuation (Honours)

**OWEN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MGMT,
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, USA**

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate - Economic & Valuation
Service

KPMG USA, ATLANTA, USA

Specialist - U.S. Corporate Tax

KPMG TORONTO, CANADA

Since her undergraduate studies, Marce has been passionate about accounting and finance which led her to complete both the Chartered Financial Analyst and U.S. Certified Public Accountant exams. She began her career in intangible asset valuation in Atlanta, and then moved to Toronto to work in tax compliance for hedge funds and private equity firms in the largest U.S. Corporate Tax group in Canada. Marce grew up dancing competitively, was captain of the Vanderbilt Dance Team, and continues to pursue her love of dance by teaching 305 Fitness classes. She also loves to bake, and is a Star Wars enthusiast.

Michaela Eckel

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

B.S. Industrial and Management
Engineering - Magna Cum Laude
**RENSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE,
TROY, USA**

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Business Technology Leader,
IT Analyst

**JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS -
JOHNSON & JOHNSON, TITUSVILLE, USA**

Technology Leadership
Development Program

**JOHNSON & JOHNSON,
NEW BRUNSWICK, USA**

Through earning her engineering degree and working as an IT professional, Michaela has become passionate about cultivating, developing and supporting female leadership in male-dominated fields. During her time at Johnson & Johnson, she was an active member of the WiSTEM2D (Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Manufacturing and Design) initiative. She volunteered, traveling to local elementary schools and educating young students about STEM2D careers. She also co-led the development and launch of an internal tool for employees to map out personal and professional goals, supporting holistic success. In her free time, Michaela enjoys strength training, hiking, obsessing over every dog she sees, and searching for the next bingeable podcast.

Nina Lochoff

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts
(Economics and Political Science)

**MCGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL,
CANADA**

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Relationship Manager

THE VANGUARD GROUP, PHILADELPHIA, USA

Nina spent the past four years working at Vanguard helping high net-worth retail clients meet their investment goals through needs assessments, and financial planning expertise. Beyond working with her clients, Nina was involved in improving performance through standardization projects and peer coaching. She developed a passion for fostering diversity and inclusion by guiding canoe trips in Northern Canada, and, more recently, by growing her department's Women in Leadership group. She has also acted as a team lead at Vanguard's annual 5k race, and for coordinating client campus visits. Nina enjoys running, biking, meeting new people, and exploring new places.

Palak

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science Economics
and Management

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAMME, NEW DELHI, INDIA**

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Investment Associate

**SINGAPORE ANGEL NETWORK (SGAN)
NEW DELHI, INDIA**

Tax Consultant

ERNST & YOUNG, GURGAON, INDIA

Palak has a passion for Finance and Capital markets. Pursuant to her interests, she has completed all three levels of the CFA program. She found her calling for investments after her most recent stint at a Singapore-based Venture Capital Fund. She believes that there are entrepreneurs in all parts of society. By helping them gain access to capital, you enable them to bring their ideas to life and ultimately empower them. Palak has trained in classical Bharatnatyam dance for over 10 years and enjoys activities such as trekking and hiking. She has also travelled to over 20 countries and has lived in Malaysia, UK and India.

Priscila Fulvia Bittencourt da Silva

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Master of Science (MSc), Economics
**UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE SÃO CARLOS,
SOROCABA, BRAZIL**

Bachelor in Science (B.S.),
Applied Math

**UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE SÃO PAULO,
RIBEIRÃO PRETO, BRAZIL**

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Corporate Banking Product
Manager

**ITAÚ UNIBANCO BANK, SÃO PAULO,
BRAZIL**

Capital Planning Manager

**ITAÚ UNIBANCO BANK, SÃO PAULO,
BRAZIL**

Priscila is passionate about Emerging Markets and has lived and worked in three key emerging economies: China, India, and Brazil. After those experiences, she realized the importance of the credit system to enhance economic growth and reduce social inequality, and she sees promoting sustainable economic development and social inclusion as her life's mission. Priscila enjoys traveling, camping, meeting new people, and learning about new cultures. She is an endurance runner and loves team sports like soccer and handball.

Sarah Rickaby

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Engineering Science
(B.E.Sc.) - Civil and Environmental
Engineering - Structural Option
**UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO,
LONDON, CANADA**

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Civil Engineer-in-Training
**DILLON CONSULTING LIMITED, LONDON,
CANADA**

Civil Engineering Intern
**REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL,
BRAMPTON, CANADA**

As a woman in engineering, Sarah is passionate about eliminating biases in workplaces where diversity is not balanced. She is an alumni volunteer for Women in Engineering at the University of Western Ontario and recently acted as a panelist for the Go ENG Girl event. Sarah grew up as a competitive dancer and won several national titles. While completing her undergraduate studies, she was the captain of Heat Varsity Dance Team. In addition to her interests in the arts, Sarah was a provincial level soccer player. She achieved success by winning Ontario Cup and continues to compete at the Premier Level.

Simone Lima

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of International Relations
**UNIVERSIDADE DE BRASÍLIA, BRASÍLIA
BRAZIL**

Specialization in Innovation, Design
and Strategy
**ESCOLASUPERIOR DE PROPAGANDA E
MARKETING (ESPM), SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL**

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Product Manager
**GUPY RECRUITMENT TECHNOLOGY, LLC
SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL**

People Development Coordinator
**LOGGI TECHNOLOGY, LLC,
SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL**

Simone is passionate about people, technology and building inclusive tech-products that solve real-life problems. Since her first experiences leading teams in AIESEC she has found an interest in leadership, people development and diversity in the workplace. Simone has lived, studied and/or worked in New Zealand, France, Slovakia, South Africa and Brazil. In the last four years she has worked for start-ups in a variety of roles, leading teams of up to 30 members and specializing in innovation and design. Her goal with the MBA Program is to become better suited to lead and expand gender boundaries in tech.

Sophia Lin

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Major in Marketing;
Minor in Communication

DREXEL UNIVERSITY, PHILADELPHIA, USA

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Corporate PR & Executive Assistant to China CEO

WUNDERMAN THOMPSON, SHANGHAI, CHINA

Sophia is a passionate marketer who has worked at Wunderman Thompson, J. Walter Thompson, and Estée Lauder in the past 5 years. Having worked at multiple global companies both in the United States and China, Sophia loves to collaborate with people of different backgrounds and to work on impactful strategic marketing/PR projects. Sophia enjoys exploring new ideas, embracing changes, and bringing positive energy to the community. In her spare time, she teaches English at local early learning center, enjoys traveling, and contributes creative content on multiple media platforms.

Thaís Ferreira

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Business Administration
**ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE PROPAGANDA E
MARKETING (ESPM), SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL**

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Marketing Coordinator
KELLOGG, SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

Senior Marketing Analyst
KIMBERLY CLARK, SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

Thaís takes pride in her past work experiences and the relationships she constructed along the way. She is passionate about innovation, understanding consumer needs, and how to connect brands with their social purpose. Throughout her career, she has gained digital and traditional marketing experience and learned how to lead innovations and build robust business plans. She hopes to jumpstart her international career after the MBA. Besides teaching English to underprivileged children in a Brazilian NGO, Thaís also loves to mentor and help young professionals. She likes to travel and aims to visit at least 100 countries during her lifetime; she has already been to over 35 countries across all continents.

Thao Le

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

M.S in Finance

**VILLANOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS,
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, VILLANOVA, USA**

B.A in Business

**FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE,
LANCASTER, USA**

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Investment Analyst

**HOCHIMINH SECURITIES CORPORATION,
HANOI, VIETNAM**

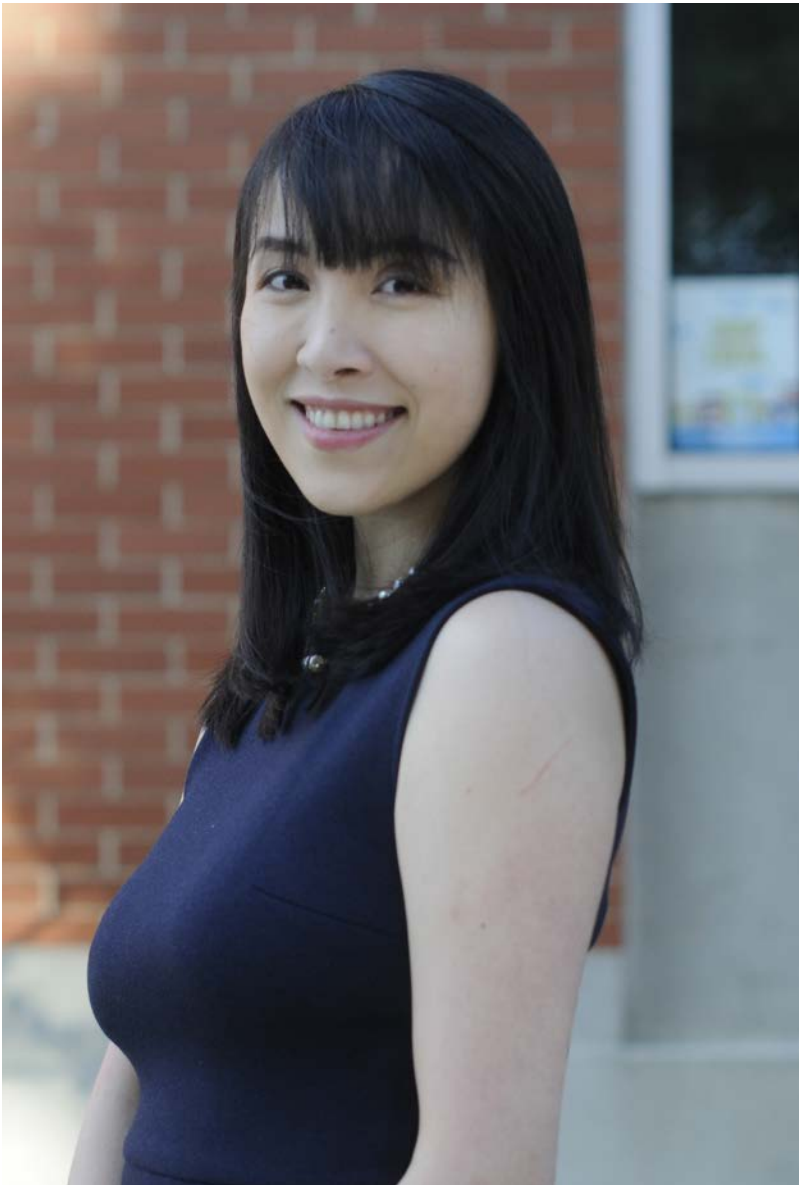
Equity Research Analyst

TECHCOM SECURITIES, HANOI, VIETNAM

A finance enthusiast, Thao started her investing journey seven years ago. Refining her investment principles to find optimal opportunities is what keeps her up at night. She aspires to become a leader who can change the social perception of women in investment and inspire other women to take on challenges in the financial industry. Thao is also passionate about sharing her knowledge. In Vietnam, she co-founded an online platform to help others learn about personal finance for free. Thao loves traveling, and her most memorable destination is Bhutan, where she successfully finished a 6-hour hike to the Tiger's Nest.

Trang Nguyen

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

B.A. – Major: Public Policy; Minor:
Math & Philosophy

HAMILTON COLLEGE, CLINTON, USA

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Co-founder/ CEO

TIPSY ART, HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

Associate Consultant

NEW MARKETS ADVISORS, BOSTON, USA

An aspiring global citizen, Trang grew up in Russia and Vietnam, earned her B.A. in the U.S., worked in different cities in the U.S. and Vietnam, and is now pursuing her MBA in Canada. Curious by nature, Trang has explored different career paths: government, finance, corporate business, consulting, and entrepreneurship, and has decided that entrepreneurship is her calling. After she obtains her MBA, Trang wants to work in an innovative, fast-paced, and data-driven organization where she can utilize her entrepreneurial mindset while improving on areas in which she lacks, and drive real transformation and growth. Her long-term goal is to build her own business(es). Trang is a huge foodie and would almost never say no to a live music concert.

Vikki Zhang

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Engineering, Chemical Engineering (First Class Honor)

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HONG KONG, CHINA

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Investment Associate

ARK PACIFIC CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, HONG KONG, CHINA

Assistant Manager, Deal Advisory

KPMG, HONG KONG, CHINA

Vikki spent most of her career working in the investment and deal advisory field in Hong Kong. As a finance professional with training in chemical engineering, Vikki is excited to explore the intersection of investment and sustainability. Her passion for sustainability began with her undergraduate research program in renewable energies and minor in Environmental Sustainability Management. Vikki used to compete in Kendo competitions representing her school in Hong Kong. In her spare time, she enjoys yoga and hiking.

Xuan Wu

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Major in Economics
OBERLIN COLLEGE, OBERLIN, USA

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Client Associate/Project Manager
THIRD BRIDGE, SHANGHAI, CHINA

Global Asset Allocation
Research Intern

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS, BOSTON, USA

Xuan was raised in a mountainous region of southwestern China and went to the US for undergrad. She is passionate about finance, politics, and psychology, and loves intellectual discourse. Xuan provided primary research and expert recruitment services to private equity clients in her most recent position before starting her MBA. During her free time, she enjoys hiking and playing music. She has achieved level ten of a Chinese instrument, Guzheng, and once composed an electronic experimental piece with a friend.

Zihan Li

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Ed.M (Human Development and Psychology)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, USA

B.A in Psychology - Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Summa cum laude)

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, HANOVER, USA

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic Advisor

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SHANGHAI, SHANGHAI, CHINA

As an aspiring social entrepreneur, Zihan is committed to expanding children's access to innovative, quality educational resources. In addition to her role at NYU Shanghai, Zihan has consulted with UNICEF on education projects and is currently working on her start-up initiative supporting children's development of 21st century skills. She is passionate about cross-cultural communication and applying her background in psychology to various fields such as education and business to provide usable knowledge for organizations. Outside of her professional interests, Zihan loves learning new languages, traveling, photography, and art history.

Zolzaya Erdenebileg

ROTMAN MBA, 2022



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Economics and
International Studies (Cum Laude)

KENYON COLLEGE, GAMBIER, USA

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Client Business Partner

NIELSEN, SHANGHAI, CHINA

China Lead, Business Intelligence

**DEZAN SHIRA & ASSOCIATES,
SHANGHAI, CHINA**

Having grown up cross-culturally, Zolzaya is a strong believer in and proponent of diversity and inclusion. As a member of Ladies Who Tech, she has advocated for gender equity in technology, and she has been part of core inclusion drives in Nielsen China. She is passionate about discovering the ways in which AI bias impacts society, exploring new languages and places, and overcoming that next kilometer on her jogs.