
Forté Fellow Lookbook



Class of 2021



The Forté Fellows Program was created to increase the number of women applying to and enrolling in MBA programs by offering fellowships to women through the sponsored schools. Rotman School of Management is a sponsor school of Forté Foundation and a strong supporter of women in business. To date, Rotman has given more than \$3 million to over 120 Forté Fellows. For the Full-Time MBA Class of 2021*, Rotman has awarded Forté Fellowships to 26 talented women.

* Class of 2022 for JD/MBA students



Aanandita Malik

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Arts in Economics
(Honours)

**UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, NEW DELHI,
INDIA**

Prior Work Experience

Marketing Manager

PANDORA INDIA, NEW DELHI, INDIA

Manager - Client Strategy

REPINDIA, NEW DELHI, INDIA

Aanandita is passionate about Brand Management and Business Design. Over the span of her career, she's gained experience in both digital and traditional marketing across industries such as Luxury Retail and Hospitality, Fashion, Lifestyle, Technology, Banking and Healthcare. Prior to her MBA, she helped launch Pandora jewellery in India, and handled both Marketing and Operations for Pandora India. She loves meeting new people, exploring new places and trying out different cuisines from across the world.

Ada Kwong

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, TORONTO,
CANADA**

Prior Work Experience

Registered Nurse
**VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH,
VANCOUVER, CANADA**

Ada spent the majority of her nursing career primarily in trauma services, where she saw first-hand the interrelated effects of traumatic events on people, community, and the system as a whole. She is passionate about science and healthcare and is interested in exploring their intersections with business administration. In her free time, Ada enjoys doing yoga and plans to open her own yoga studio one day.

Alexandra Brunet

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Science,
Mechanical Engineering
**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON,
CANADA**

Prior Work Experience

Account Manager, Commercial
Building Systems
**TRANE, INGERSOLL RAND,
TORONTO, CANADA**

As a professional engineer and as an ambassador for FINCA Canada, a microfinance organization, Alexandra is passionate about building sustainable communities and alleviating poverty through economic empowerment. Alexandra is an adventurous world traveller, having been to over 35 countries, an enthusiastic journalist and a lover of all sports.

Bryn Berry

ROTMAN JD/MBA, 2022



Education

Bachelor of Commerce, Honours
**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON,
CANADA**

Prior Work Experience

Legal Innovation Intern
**FASKEN MARTINEAU DUMOULIN LLP,
TORONTO, CANADA**

Associate Marketing Manager
**PEPSICO FOODS CANADA, MISSISSAUGA,
CANADA**

As a JD/MBA student, Bryn is excited to explore the intersection of law and business. She is passionate about innovation, having worked in consumer marketing at PepsiCo, at a start-up, and most recently in Legal Innovation at a Toronto law firm. Bryn aspires to drive positive change in the community and is looking forward to her participation in Rotman's OnBoard fellowship. She competed for many years as a member of the Canadian National Martial Arts team and was inducted into the United Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

Chantal Chizea

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

MSc (with Distinction)
Environmental Engineering and
Project Management

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS, LEEDS, UK

B.Eng Chemical Engineering

**FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY,
MINNA, NIGERIA**

Prior Work Experience

Reservoir Engineer

**SHELL NIGERIA EXPLORATION AND
PRODUCTION, LAGOS, NIGERIA**

Chantal is passionate about female empowerment and development. Consistent with this passion, she served as secretary for Shell Women's network in Nigeria. She is the first woman in Shell Nigeria to achieve global Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) certification. Chantal began baking therapeutically, ultimately founding and managing the bespoke bakery Goin' Bananas alongside her day job. Active in her professional network, she regularly volunteers for SPE events aimed at student and societal development.

Elsa Abi-Khalil

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelors of Business
Administration (BBA)

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT,
BEIRUT, LEBANON**

Prior Work Experience

Head of Community Development

MAKESENSE.ORG, BEIRUT, LEBANON

Manager of Social Innovation
Programs

MAKESENSE.ORG, BEIRUT, LEBANON

Elsa is passionate about finding solutions and launching projects never done before. After founding “makesense” in Lebanon and building communities, she identified a need for further pedagogy and accessibility around innovation. She thus designed a curriculum and raised funds for the first online course made in Arabic about social entrepreneurship. Big on collaboration, she delivered the entire project rollout with 20 contributing experts and film crew. The course was created and launched in the space of 6 months for 550 students. Elsa speaks French, English, and Arabic fluently and has travelled to 16 countries.

Emilija Davidovic

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Commerce, Major in
Finance (Dean's List)

MCGILL, MONTREAL, CANADA

Prior Work Experience

Analytics Consultant

ACCENTURE, TORONTO, CANADA

Emilija played basketball for ten years, and competed at the varsity level. She is passionate about bridging the gap between academics and athletics for young women. Her favourite volunteer experience was the opportunity to create a business plan for a literacy organization developed for elementary school students in Montreal. At Accenture, Emilija led the Employee Engagement stream for the International Women's Day Event. Aside from basketball, Emilija loves hiking and cheese boards.

Farzana Mussa

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

B.A. Economics
**MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL, CANADA**

Prior Work Experience

Global Communications Manager
**AGA KHAN EDUCATION SERVICES,
NAIROBI, KENYA**

Management Consultant
**AGA KHAN FOUNDATION, EDUCATION
SERVICES, KAMPALA, UGANDA**

Farzana lived in Kenya and Uganda, and worked in the social consulting industry across East Africa, South Asia and Central Asia. Farzana has complemented her diverse background with treks to the River Nile and the Karakoram mountains, and is an avid hip hop dancer.

Grace Shuern Cheong

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Science, Double Major,
Life Sciences and Management
**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE,
SINGAPORE**

Prior Work Experience

Marketing and Sales,
**SIA ENGINEERING COMPANY,
SINGAPORE AIRLINES, SINGAPORE**

Trainee Manager, Mitsubishi Sales
**JARDINE CYCLE & CARRIAGE,
SINGAPORE**

Having worked in male-dominated industries, Grace loves the challenge as a woman in the marketplace. She is passionate about building relationships through leadership and empowerment. After graduating from the National University of Singapore, Grace also ran her own e-commerce business as a hobby. Grace used to be in competitive swimming, rhythmic gymnastics and dance and won several medals representing her school in Singapore.

Grace (Minwen) Lou

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Master of Science,
Marketing Analytics
**UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER,
ROCHESTER, USA**

Bachelor of Commerce, Public
Relations (Major), Finance (Minor)
**EAST CHINA NORMAL UNIVERSITY,
SHANGHAI, CHINA**

Prior Work Experience

Senior Researcher, Consumer
Insights, Analytics, and
Measurement
DISNEY, SHANGHAI, CHINA

Grace takes massive pride in being the voice of consumers and derive fun of decoding human truth, leveraging both art and science. Being empathetic is her philosophy of life. As the opening team member of Shanghai Disneyland, Grace witnessed how Disney gradually melted down cultural barriers and entered into the hearts of millions of Chinese. This success further confirmed her pursuit of being a better storyteller and learning more about effective intercultural management. Grace also plays the piano and draws at leisure because there is no better way than art to tell a story.

Grace Li

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Business Administration
**HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY, HONG KONG**

Prior Work Experience

Associate, Equity Research
MORGAN STANLEY, HONG KONG

Grace was an Equity Research Analyst at Morgan Stanley, covering Chinese transportation and infrastructure stocks and providing investment recommendations to buy-side clients. She was part of the #2 transportation research team in Asia (ranked by Institutional Investors for 2 consecutive years). In her spare time, Grace volunteered with various charitable organizations in Hong Kong, and mentored underprivileged high school students in the local community.

Janice Pong

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Master of Science in Medical Biophysics, Honours Bachelor of Science in Human Biology, Bioethics, and Psychology

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO,
TORONTO, CANADA**

Prior Work Experience

Research Manager,
Communications and
Knowledge Translation

**ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL,
TORONTO, CANADA**

Janice was featured as a female game-changer in a Nike campaign. Her mission is to inspire others to prioritize their physical & mental health and to give back to their communities. Janice is an avid runner who has completed four marathons. She also mentors Toronto's at-risk youth with two community organizations, using running as a tool for leadership development and social change. Janice is passionate about equitable healthcare access and patient empowerment. She previously worked with a national depression and suicide network and managed a team that created an award-winning patient guide on depression treatment options.

Jinzixing (Marla) Yuan

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Master Of Science, Finance
**JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY,
WASHINGTON DC, USA**

Bachelor of Business Administration,
Finance (Dean's List, Magna
Cum Laude)
**STETSON UNIVERSITY, DELAND,
FLORIDA, USA**

Prior Work Experience

Senior Associate
**PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS (PWC),
CORPORATE FINANCE, BEIJING, CHINA**

Marla comes from China and likes to box, hike and travel. Her career has been focused mainly on M&A transactions and investments. She also worked at a health-tech start-up with focus on big-data solutions on the Strategic Investment and Development team, where she was fully involved in the fundraising projects and worked with global elite venture capital and private equity investors. This unique experience allowed her to see the huge potential of the health-tech sector both in China and around the world. Since then, Marla has been passionate about the searching for innovative ways to transform the sector.

Jessica Hoyle

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Arts in Business,
Entrepreneurship, and
Organizations with a focus in
Business Economics

BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE, USA

Prior Work Experience

Research Associate

**BLACKSHIRE CAPITAL,
TORONTO, CANADA**

Jessica has a passion for finance and capital markets. Pursuant to her interests, she has successfully completed all three levels of the CFA Program and most recently worked in one of Canada's fastest growing and innovative business sectors. Outside of her professional interests, Jessica is very passionate about competitive sports and the positive impact they can have on today's youth. She grew up playing hockey in Toronto and was recruited by Brown University, where she played four years of Division 1 NCAA women's hockey. In addition to playing hockey, Jessica is also an avid golfer and tennis player.

Laura Chavira Razo

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Doctor of Medicine / Master
of Science in Health Systems
**UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA
/ INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE SALUD
PÚBLICA, CUERNAVACA, MEXICO**

Prior Work Experience

Researcher
**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
OF MEXICO, CUERNAVACA, MEXICO**

Specialized Consultant
**STATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, PUEBLA,
MEXICO**

Laura is a researcher from head to toe. She is passionate about deciphering convoluted problems in Public Health, and translating people's voice and needs into creative and useful solutions. Her inquisitiveness led her to use Design Thinking when designing interventions for marginalized populations such as people living with HIV, gay men, transgender women, and adolescents. Outside work and school, Laura loves traveling with her wife, spending time with her family, cooking Mexican food for her friends, and practicing outdoor activities

Laura Gomez Cardona

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Master of Science in Applied
Mathematics, Bachelor in
International Business

**UNIVERSIDAD EAFIT, MEDELLIN,
COLOMBIA**

Prior Work Experience

Director of Corporate Finance

**SURAMERICANA S.A., MEDELLIN,
COLOMBIA**

Laura is deeply passionate about traveling the world with her family. Her top experiences include Humpback whale watching in Alaska and Northern lights sightseeing in Norway. She has visited over 20 countries around the world and has worked simultaneously with colleagues from 8 different countries in Latin America. This has created in Laura a great admiration for different cultures and mindsets, driving her work towards diversity, inclusion and a growing role of women in society.

Lauren Schulz

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science,
Bachelor of Arts, Economics
**PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY,
UNIVERSITY PARK, USA**

Prior Work Experience

Senior Consultant, Engagement
Controller Practice
**DELOITTE CONSULTING LLP,
NEW YORK, USA**

Lauren has work experience in 3 countries: USA, UK, and India. She is passionate about economic topics, particularly those surrounding financial crises and consumer behavior. She also enjoys being placed in environments where she is exposed to new ideas and cultures in order to be pushed out of her comfort zone. In her free time, Lauren enjoys snowboarding, kickboxing, visiting the theater, and studying wine. Fun fact: Lauren was interviewed for and appeared in a documentary called Square Dance Caller when she was 17.

Mahima Kohli

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Arts in Economics
(Honours)

DELHI UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI, INDIA

Prior Work Experience

Senior Associate

BAIN & COMPANY, NEW DELHI, INDIA

Research Associate

**S&P GLOBAL MARKET INTELLIGENCE,
NEW DELHI, INDIA**

Mahima is passionate about promoting Women in Tech and has worked on topics such as the role of digitization across sectors, designing transformation AI programs for Telecom players in EMEA. She believes extending support to the community can ignite change and create positive impact. Back in India, Mahima ran campaigns to raise funds for NGOs helping children, cancer patients and widows. In her spare time, she enjoys eating different cuisines and doing yoga.

Michelle Anne Molas

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Magna Cum Laude)
**UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES,
MANILA, PHILIPPINES**

Prior Work Experience

Consumer Marketing Manager
GOOGLE, MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Ads Marketing Manager
GOOGLE, MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Michelle is committed to helping young people realize their potential. With five years of tech marketing experience, she is deeply interested in the intersection of education, technology, and business, especially in emerging markets. At Google, she was responsible for growing consumer products such as YouTube and Google by making them more accessible and useful to Filipinos. Prior to Google, she was a leader in AIESEC, an international student-run organization that provides leadership, professional, and volunteer opportunities to the youth.

Meredith Baade

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Arts, Economics
SIENA COLLEGE, ALBANY, USA

Prior Work Experience

Relationship Manager
BLOOMBERG LP, NEW YORK, USA

Business Development Associate
FIELD GOODS, LLC, HUDSON VALLEY, USA

Meredith spent the last five years at Bloomberg LP consulting Canadian the government and sell-side on how to optimize their use of data and technology. Before that, she worked hand-in-hand with CEO's at two startups. In between, Meredith volunteered at a non-profit called Threads of Peru, creating a marketing strategy to increase sales of hand-woven textiles crafted by indigenous female artisans. A committed mentor and volunteer, Meredith has been involved with the Girls, Inc. and Read Ahead youth mentorship programs. Meredith enjoys bike-riding, singing with Rotman Music, and practicing Spanish and Portuguese.

Sarah Bresler

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Arts

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, USA

Prior Work Experience

Principal

**BRESLER PR CONSULTING, TORONTO,
CANADA**

Public Relations,
Fashion, Watches & Fine Jewelry
CHANEL, TORONTO, CANADA

Sarah began her public relations career in 2010 in London, England, where she quickly recognized her ability to help brands grow by building their image and finding their voice. She helped to launch the makeup line for niche Canadian beauty brand Flawless by Friday, which led to a significant financial investment due to resulting media coverage. All the companies she has supported are female-founded and run by truly inspirational women. She prioritizes travel over pretty much anything, and has lived in four countries - Canada, the US, Italy and England - and has visited Paris over 15 times. In her spare time (when she's not travelling), Sarah loves to write, dance and eat.

Shyua Liu

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Science,
General Engineering
**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS,
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, URBANA, USA**

Prior Work Experience

Commercial Manager
GENERAL ELECTRIC, SHANGHAI, CHINA

Commercial Leadership Program
GENERAL ELECTRIC, HOUSTON, USA

Shyua is a big fan of music. She likes almost any kind of music and plays various instruments. She has been devoted to helping underprivileged children in China since college by leading fundraising events and tutoring in small villages. Having worked and studied in China, US and Austria, she loves cultural diversity and enjoys travelling. Her favorite book is *Lust for Life*, the story of Van Gogh.

Rohini Muthuvelan

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Technology in Electrical and Electronics Engineering
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI, INDIA

Prior Work Experience

Capital Systems Manager
PROCTER & GAMBLE, HYDERABAD, INDIA

Project Manager
PROCTER & GAMBLE, HYDERABAD, INDIA

Rohini got her calling when she became the vice-president of student council thereby becoming the first female in the university's 50-year history to lead the student body. The winning strike at elections transformed her into a strong and resilient woman leader, and taught her life lessons that helped her drive positive cultural transformation and deliver breakthrough results in the workplace by showing genuine empathy and always doing the right thing. On the other hand, Rohini is extremely passionate about dance, an art form that changed her way of thinking towards life and helps her stay grounded.

Yael Chapman

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Arts, Honours in Political Science (Major), Minor in Art History
MCGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL, CANADA

Prior Work Experience

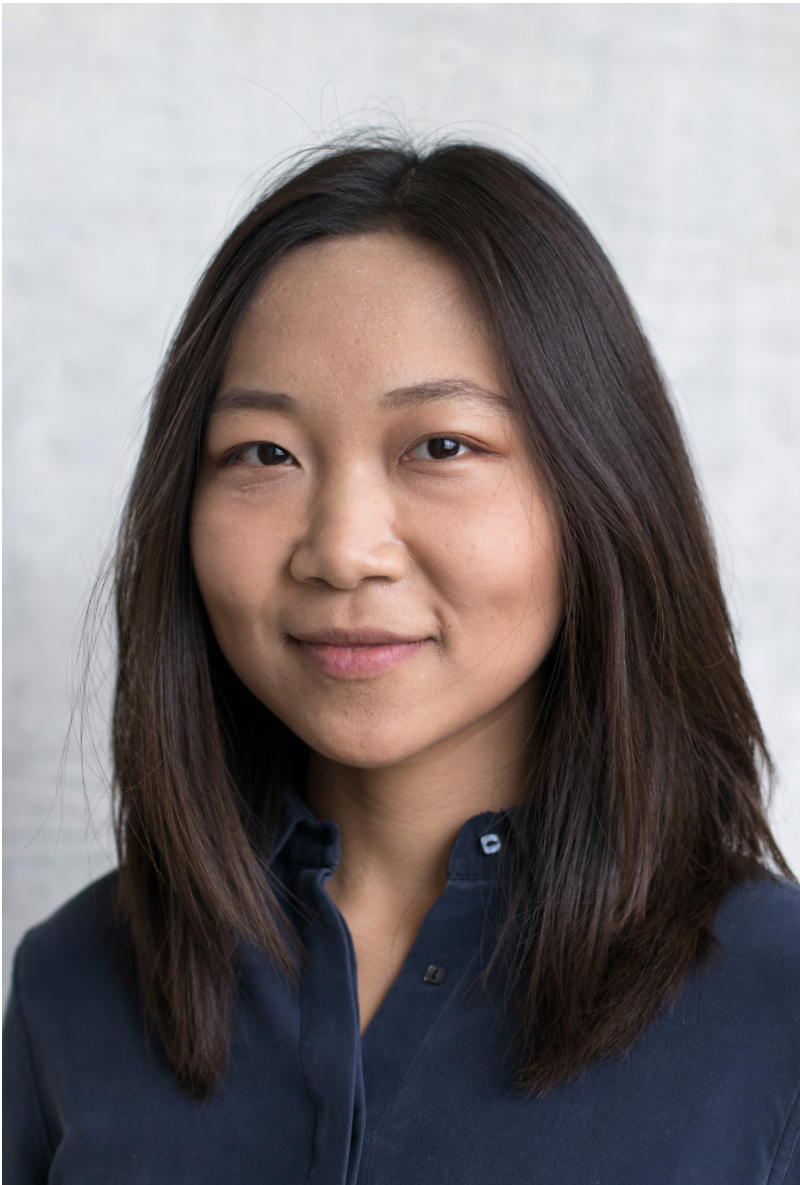
Results Manager
CARPEDIA INTERNATIONAL, TORONTO, CANADA

Senior Consultant
CARPEDIA INTERNATIONAL, TORONTO, CANADA

Yael spent four years travelling across North America and Europe as a Management Consultant at Carpedia International. She has experience delivering results to clients in a wide range of industries that includes everything from injection molding manufacturers, to hospital operating rooms, to securities trading processing. Yael is passionate about fostering work environments that support diversity and inclusion. As such, she developed and delivered a company-wide training program on combatting unconscious biases and elevating women and minorities in the workplace.

Yijia (Demi) Gao

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

Bachelor of Science in Management
**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF FINANCE AND
ECONOMICS, BEIJING, CHINA**

Prior Work Experience

Senior Consultant
KPMG ADVISORY, BEIJING, CHINA

Loving to help people solve problems brought Demi to the field of consulting. Thanks to her beliefs, passion and intellectual abilities, she has contributed innovation and fresh insights to her team and created true values for many of their clients. As the leader of an eight-member group responsible for data analysis, Demi has helped open the door of data to many of her fellows who are curious but unsure about the industry. The positive changes she has brought to herself, her fellows, her team and their clients are truly the motivation for her to go further to create demands, deliver values and transform the future.

Yuan (Constance) Wang

ROTMAN MBA, 2021



Education

MA, Communication
**JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY,
WASHINGTON D.C., USA**

Bachelor of Arts
JUNIATA COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA, USA

Prior Work Experience

Senior Account Executive
**BURSON COHN & WOLFE, BEIJING,
CHINA**

Constance's passion for healthcare management began with her first project at Burson Cohn & Wolfe where she assisted a global pharmaceutical company with drug approval and commercial launch that treats MDR-TB in China. Since then, she initiated a series of nation-wide disease advocacy campaigns and is experienced in drug coverage and pricing negotiations, as well as new drug introduction process and regulatory compliance practice in the Chinese market. Prior to joining Rotman, Constance has had the privilege to travel to 33 countries and to live in Strasbourg, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Boston, New York City, Washington D.C., Seattle and Toronto.