The Forté Fellows Program was created to increase 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 over $5.8 million to over 200 Forté Fellows. In the Fall of 2022, Rotman has awarded Forté Fellowships to 31 talented women in the Full-Time MBA and the Morning-Evening MBA programs.
Aditi Agarwal

FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Arts and Law (Hons.)
The National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Legal Associate, S&R Associates

Aditi was born in India but grew up in Indonesia. Curiosity has been a driving force in her life and has often led her to take on unconventional challenges. She worked as a lawyer in India and advised corporations and investment banks on capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, arbitration, insolvency and regulatory proceedings. The opportunity to work with the committees constituted by the Indian securities regulator to affect policy changes to insider trading and related party transaction regulations was one of the most satisfying experiences of her career.

She plays Ultimate competitively and also volunteered to teach the sport to children from financially disadvantaged backgrounds to help them develop life skills, such as conflict resolution, teamwork and communication. She holds an executive position with the national governing body for Ultimate in India.

She is passionate about setting up frameworks to ensure equitable access to opportunity and promote gender equity. She is also keen on learning about and practicing minimalism. In her spare time, she enjoys social dancing and trying out new cuisines.
Alex Foty
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Mining Engineering
McGill University, Montreal, Canada

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Business Analyst, Business Development, Newcrest Mining Ltd., Melbourne, Australia

Investment Analyst, Infrastructure & Natural Resources, Ontario Teachers’ Pension Fund, Toronto, Canada

Alex is driven to become a future leader within the global mining industry. After completing a Bachelor of Mining Engineering, Alex gained six years of experience across the capital markets and mining sectors while earning her CFA Charterholder designation. Her most recent experience in Corporate M&A for a major Australian mining company drove her desire to help global mining companies build sustainable stakeholder value through industry-leading Environmental, Social and Governance practices. In her spare time, Alex enjoys playing tennis, long-distance running and cartooning.
Anjalee Beri

FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science in Economics
Symbiosis International University, Pune, India

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of Australia, New Delhi, India

Founder / Director, Aurora Foods and Hospitality, Pune, India

Having started her own F&B start-up in her last year of undergrad, Anjalee learned priceless lessons and discovered her passion for operations and innovating strategy to solve rapid business problems. With experience in process improvement and operations, Anjalee spent her last three and a half years working with the Government of Australia’s missions in various countries in South Asia. Having an interest in internal strategy and process optimization, Anjalee led several projects for the Immigration Department - launching, improving and delivering time-efficient solutions for new visa programs.

As an advocate of mentorship opportunities and women in business, she was a founding member of the pan-India Women in Leadership Committee for the Australian High Commissions and was a co-founder of a not-for-profit mentorship platform in India.

As a person who loves sharing positive impacts and expanding opportunities for others, Anjalee enjoys immersing herself in interesting conversations with people from different cultures.

Anjalee enjoys traveling, recreational sports and exploring new restaurants. She looks forward to her new adventure with Rotman in pursuit of her goals.
Ann Ocampo

FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Accountancy, (magna cum laude)
University of the Philippines, Quezon City, Philippines

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Finance Manager, First Gen Corporation, Pasig City, Philippines
Senior Associate, EY, Makati City, Philippines

With a commitment to sustainability, Ann worked as a Finance Manager for First Gen Corporation where she offered insights and solutions to help navigate the transitioning energy industry in the Philippines. Prior to that, Ann had 4 years of Transaction experience with EY Philippines where she delivered value to clients in the energy, infrastructure, banking, and retail sectors. She is a CFA charterholder and a CPA in the Philippines. Outside of work, Ann enjoys traveling, learning new skills, and experimenting with new recipes.
Annie Chipman
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Business & Public Administration - Major in Marketing (magna cum laude)
Bachelor of Arts & Sciences - Major in Communications (magna cum laude)
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, United States

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Manager, Marketing, Manitoba Moose, True North Sports + Entertainment, Winnipeg, Canada

Annie is a passionate sports fan who brings a teamwork mentality to challenges faced in both work, and in life. Annie has worked in professional sports for the past five years and thrives in a fast-paced, adaptive work environment. She is an innovative marketer and loves to find creative ways to link branding with strategy.

Annie believes getting more women involved in professional sports will benefit the industry in immeasurable ways. In 2021, Annie co-founded the Manitoba Moose Women in Sport Job Shadow Program that annually invites local young professional women to get an inside look into a historically male-dominated industry.

Annie has a passion for bringing people together over a shared love of reading and in her spare time, she runs an online book club. Annie tries to read at least 40 books a year.
Annie Yao
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Honours Bachelor of Science, Double Major in Health & Disease and Economics
University of Toronto, Canada

Doctor of Pharmacy (candidate)
University of Toronto, Canada

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Content Developer, PharmAssess Diagnostics Corp., Toronto, Canada

Research Assistant, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, Toronto, Canada

It takes courage to pursue a combined PharmD/MBA degree as 1 of the 3 candidates out of a class of 240 pharmacy students. Annie is also the 5th PharmD/MBA candidate ever since the establishment of this program at the University of Toronto. With her diverse background in science and business, she plans to start a project about integrating the clinical practice of pharmacy with cutting-edge technology. Besides 4+ years of experience in using 3D printing to tackle challenges in healthcare, she is also on her way to practicing drone piloting and figuring out how medications may work differently with astronauts!
Anushikha Banerjee
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCA TION
Information Technology
Kolhan University, Tatanagar, India

Information Technology
Vellore Institute of Technology, Chennai, India

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Digital Business Integration Team Lead, Accenture Technologies, Kolkata, India
Senior Project Engineer, Wipro Technologies, Hyderabad, India

Anushikha has more than 8 years of experience in the consulting industry and she is PMI-PMP, IIBA-CBAP and AWS certified. During her entire career, she has extensively worked in various consulting domains like Manufacturing, Travel and Transportation, Retail and Telecom, and her analytical ability improved the business by delivering high-performance solutions for diverse clients. She helped manage each phase of the software development lifecycle from requirement definition, solution design and testing through implementation, acceptance, training and support. She volunteered to teach English and basic concepts of Technology to children from rural areas. Anushikha loves to explore unfamiliar territories, try different foods, learn about different cultures and ethnicities, listen to different music and languages, and meet new people.
Brianna Morrison

FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Arts (with distinction)
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Indigenous Access Program Project Coordinator, Law in Action Within Schools, Toronto, Canada

Program Coordinator, Pro Bono Students Canada, Toronto, Canada

Brianna is currently pursuing her JD/MBA degree. She is Métis Cree from Treaty 6 territory, Alberta, and has spent her childhood in both Edmonton and Montréal. As a court worker for the Elizabeth Fry Society, Brianna had the opportunity to be involved in the critical work of advancing the dignity and protection of women and girls entering the criminal system.

Brianna’s passions involve promoting gender and racial equality and female empowerment within the healthcare sector. Brianna aspires to one day serve as legal counsel within the Ministry of Health, where she can advocate for and support healthcare reform that prioritizes addressing gender and racial bias in medical treatment. Besides her professional interests, Brianna enjoys film, photography and exploring new cities with her Yorkie Poo Lola.
Cherrie Huang

FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Management - Management Sciences and Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Tianjin Normal University, Tianjin, China

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Co-founder, Mood Fashion Studio, Shanghai, China
Strategic Planning Manager, Phoenix New Media, Shanghai, China

Cherrie is a seasoned marketer and an aspiring woman entrepreneur, she believes that every endeavour should make a positive impact on society, and she has always explored ways to establish an equilibrium between business goals and social responsibility. As an award-winning creative and growth marketer in both digital innovation and transformative leadership roles, she provided digital transformation and creative communications solutions for a range of world-renowned brands in FMCG, Energy, Automobile and Luxury, including Chevron, Audi, Qualcomm, Estée Lauder, L’Oréal, Omega, Cartier, Lincoln, Ford, Cadillac, and has won the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity and Effie Awards.

Two years ago, she co-founded her fashion studio with a New York photographer with the aim to empower more female photographers in China. So far, she has created the first female-led photography studio in China featuring a conducive business atmosphere supported by collective female power.
Comfort Ode
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry (Honours)
University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Manager, Corporate Finance,
Deloitte & Touche, Lagos, Nigeria

Senior Associate, Investment Banking,
Chapel Hill Denham, Lagos, Nigeria

Having started in the sciences, Comfort’s approach to transforming her country changed when she discovered the power of financial markets to mobilize capital for impact. She has since assisted governments and companies in raising capital for infrastructure and expansion through public and private markets. She prides herself in her active role in the issuance of Africa’s first sovereign green bond and on a milestone capital raise by the largest telecommunications operator in Nigeria. Comfort is committed to youth mentorship and devotes time to mentoring teenagers and early-year professionals. She enjoys watching cartoons and going on road trips.
Detola Emmanuel

FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science in Industrial & Production Engineering (Honours)
University of Ibadan, Ibadan Nigeria

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Operations Planner, Chevron, Lagos, Nigeria

Operations Planner (offshore), Chevron, Nigeria

Detola has worked in both technical and strategic roles in the Energy industry. She is a lifelong learner with diverse professional interests ranging from data analytics to sustainable energy and has collaborated on initiatives to achieve lower carbon emissions. She is passionate about gender equality and is a facilitator with Men Advocating Real Change (MARC), an initiative that employs gender partnerships to advance equality in the workplace. In her spare time, she enjoys cycling and playing tennis.
Fernanda Almeida
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor in Business Administration
Fundação Getulio Vargas EAESP, São Paulo, Brazil

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Manager, Almeida Miyasaki, Maringá, Brazil
Business Strategy Consultant, Accenture Brasil, São Paulo, Brazil

Fernanda began her career with Accenture Brazil’s strategy team and has worked on challenging projects for several different companies – especially in the Telecom, Financial Services, and Non-profit industries – along with other top-tier professionals. Since 2020, she has also experienced how to run a family business and learned about the real estate market. Such a combination drove her to co-found a CRM Software for real estate agencies based on the market’s needs and strategies. Fernanda is passionate about education and has years of volunteer experience for the cause, from tutoring math to leading the Accenture Development Partnership Volunteer Community.
Garima Jain

FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelors of Arts,
University of Delhi, India

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Senior Actuarial Analyst, Xceedance Consulting, Gurugram, India

Actuarial Consultant, EXL Service, Gurugram, India

With four years of actuarial consulting experience, Garima is deeply committed to solving problems and creating value for clients; she thrives by using her problem-solving and analytical skills to formulate strategies to mitigate financial risks. Her favorite job function prior to the MBA was working with Insurance clients in the USA to develop re-pricing and re-structuring strategies for insurance products. Navigating her career forward, Garima is keen on exploring the finance and consulting world. She also hopes to create a more equitable world for women and other marginalized communities by including diverse experiences, viewpoints, and perspectives into the fabric of the economy. Outside work, she likes to travel and explore.
Jasmine Zhao
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering,
University of Calgary, Canada

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Operations Engineer, TC Energy, Calgary, Canada
Integrity Engineer-in-Training, TC Energy, Calgary, Canada

As an Engineer, Jasmine has always had an affinity for the application of knowledge to solve real world problems. Jasmine is an avid volunteer and passionate about driving sustainable impact to improve the lives of others. She volunteered in Cambodia for a summer for a charity providing basic needs to children in impoverished communities, and currently volunteers with a charity that strives to combat sexual exploitation and human trafficking in Southeast Asia. Through her not-for-profit experience, Jasmine grew an interest in the connection between business and social impact. Jasmine hopes to continue to explore the intersection of business and impact, and the role business can play in overcoming barriers to social change.
Kimia Khoee

FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences (Honours)
Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada

Master of Public Health
McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Research Manager, St. Michael’s Hospital, Unity Health Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Kimia is passionate about healthcare, science, and innovation. In her role at St. Michael’s Hospital, she managed health services research projects focusing on people experiencing different forms of marginalization, such as substance use and homelessness. She has taken the initiative to collaborate with a range of community and health service organizations while managing study operations to ensure project implementation. Kimia is an empathetic leader who enjoys building meaningful relationships with people from all walks of life. Through her unique experiences, she understands the importance of prioritizing the human side of data and research. In her free time, Kimia loves exploring different cultures by traveling and cooking cuisines from across the world.
Madeleine Benjamin
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science, Fashion Merchandising
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, United States

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Senior Sales Analyst, Fossil Group, Dallas, United States

During her time at Fossil Group, Madeleine found a passion for strategy and analysis. She worked on cross-functional projects and presentations which aided in executive decisions. Her proudest accomplishment in her time at Fossil Group was the development of a dashboard that analyzed sales by product and reduced workload by several hours per week. Outside of her career, Madeleine pursues her passion and appreciation for the Italian language through weekly classes, with the goal of maintaining fluency.
Maliha Hossain Sadia
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science in Physics
University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Master of Science in Physics
University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Assistant Relationship Manager, Quantum Properties Ltd., Dhaka, Bangladesh

Special Education Teacher, School for Gifted Children, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Maliha is a woman of science who started her career as a Special Education Teacher in Bangladesh. She won the National Science and Technology Fellowship for her Thesis work during her master’s and received national recognition from a news channel for her contribution as a special education teacher. She began her journey in the business world as a Relationship Officer and fell in love with its fast-paced nature while winning multiple promotions on her way. The critical global need for employees who can incorporate their technical aptitude and keen business acumen into leading companies and organizations to success makes Maliha a perfect candidate for the wildly dynamic business world. In her free time, Maliha likes to travel, spend time with her family, enjoy exotic food and manage a social media group that she started during the pandemic to help the women in her community earn a decent living in difficult times.
Natasha Peer

MORNING/EVENING MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Applied Science - Chemical Engineering (Honours)
University of Waterloo, Canada

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Business Transformation Manager, 4Refuel, Toronto, Canada

Business Consultant., Isaac Operations, Toronto, Canada

Natasha is motivated by the energy transition, utilizing data to develop the business case for sustainability initiatives. From forecasting the catalyst requirements for a Shell refinery to leading an acquisition for 4Refuel, she utilized risk analysis methods to make decisions and set strategies in her technical and business roles for the past 7 years. Natasha is an advocate for gender equity and LGBTQ+ inclusion. She has mentored women in male-dominated industries and founded the LGBTQ+ network at the Shell Sarnia Refinery leading to the company’s first participation in the London, ON Pride Parade. After work, Natasha enjoys testing the bounds of her relationships with strategy board games. She also has a passion for hiking, camping, and her husband’s cooking. Natasha has lived in 4 countries across 3 continents and visited over 30 countries.
Intrigued by solving problems with technology, Neelima pursued Computer Science Engineering and went on to work with JPMorgan Chase, developing and managing applications for Corporate Investment banking clients. She inclined towards project and product management and donned the role of scrum master. She exudes energy and is passionate about starting important conversations. While serving as an elected student representative at her alma mater, she was able to advocate for changes to gender discriminatory university policies. She installed menstrual product vending machines in campus buildings, enabling women to avoid a 2-kilometer commute to their accommodation. In the future, she aims to be a business leader keeping forward momentum in empowering women to soar high in their profession.
Nishtha Kapoor

FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)
Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, India

Post-Graduate in Public Accounting
Amity University, Noida, India

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Assistant Manager, Audit & Assurance, Deloitte, Gurgaon, India

Nishtha is a McKinsey Next Generation Women Leader, 2022. During her career at Deloitte US India, she provided financial reporting services to Fortune 500 clients and now aims to create innovative and sustainable solutions to complex industry challenges.

Nishtha embraces diversity and women empowerment and has been an active volunteer at the National Service Scheme, United Nations, 7 Cups and Rhythm of Life NGO. She pursues teaching and mentoring the underprivileged and promotes the importance of mental health.

In her personal time, she loves to paint and write poetry - bringing aesthetics to life!

"Spreading smiles never goes out of style"
- Nishtha
Paige Chiang

FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science in Finance, (Magna Cum Laude)
Marquette University, Milwaukee, United States

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Marketing Associate, Lovett Industrial, Houston, United States

Corporate Banking Analyst, RBC Capital Markets, New York, United States

Paige is passionate about helping companies expand their platforms and better their communication through marketing. Paige learned the importance of brand awareness and clear communication during her three years as a Corporate Banking Analyst for RBC Capital Markets in New York City. She expanded upon those skills by transitioning to a Marketing Associate role for Lovett Industrial in Houston. At Lovett Industrial, Paige was integral to building the success of their marketing platform through the redesign of their website and LinkedIn and the handling of their public relations. In her spare time, Paige enjoys traveling, learning new languages, and playing tennis.
Priya Thakkar

MORNING/EVENING MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Science in Psychology; Minors in Biology and Human Resources
University of Waterloo, Canada

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy
University of Toronto, Canada

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Disability Management Consultant, Ontario Health, Toronto, Canada

Rehabilitation Consultant, Sun Life Financial, Toronto, Canada

Priya is a healthcare provider who is passionate about making systemic level changes in healthcare. Having worked in healthcare settings with a diverse patient population, she sees the opportunity to create more inclusive environments for all. In her current role in the public sector, she is pioneering a strategy to support employees with disabilities to thrive at work. Priya advocates for the advancement of women in leadership roles by mentoring other rehabilitation professionals interested in pursuing non-clinical roles. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, reading, and going to spin class.
Serene Falzone

FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Commerce (First Class Honours)
Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Analyst, Deloitte, Toronto, Canada

Network Intern, Bell, Missisauga, Canada

Currently pursuing the combined JD/MBA program, Serene has a keen interest in the intersection of business and law. Serene is passionate about empowering women in each of these respective fields through her roles as Co-President for the Women and the Law Club and Vice President of Women’s Relations for the JD/MBA Association.

Moreover, as a former varsity athlete, Serene has developed an appreciation for teamwork. Her affinity for collaboration helped her succeed as an Analyst at Deloitte, where she worked extensively in teams on cross-departmental mandates. Outside of her professional interests, Serene loves meeting new people and playing intramural hockey.
Shimoni Parekh

FULL-TIME MBA

**EDUCATION**

*Bachelor’s of Science in Business Administration*

Babson College, Boston, United States

**PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Planning Director, Ogilvy, Mumbai, India

Business Strategy Manager, AtoZ Lifestyle pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, India

Shimoni is an enthusiastic marketer, passionate about unearthing deeper consumer insights to drive changes in brand strategy. She most recently as a Planning Director, played a role at a leading advertising agency helping large Indian retail brands transition to using digital platforms to adapt to changes in the business environment. Shimoni co-founded a social enterprise with her mother to sell vegan fashion accessories and fund animal welfare in Mumbai. In addition, she is a certified scuba diver and a food and fitness micro-influencer on Instagram.
Shu Li

FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
BA in Journalism
Sichuan University, Chengdu, China

MSc in Global China Studies
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, China

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Analyst, Corporate Security and Investigations, Morgan Stanley, Hong Kong, China

Associate, Compliance Risk and Diligence, Kroll, Hong Kong, China

Trained as a journalist, Shu successfully switched her career from journalism to risk consulting and financial services. Over the past 5 years, Shu was involved in the risk mitigation process of various financial institutions and corporates. She is open-minded and always looks for new experiences and challenges. As an LGBTQ+ inclusion advocate, Shu has been actively involved in LGBTQ+ events in Hong Kong, such as the Pride Parade, Pink Dot, and BigLove Alliance. Shu can always find her inner peace, outside of work, she enjoys sports, tidying up, and taking culinary adventures with her partner.
Sirun Wang
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Arts in Economics (Highest Honors)
Middlebury College, Middlebury, United States

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Senior Research Analyst, The Brattle Group, Toronto, Canada

Senior Consultant, Edgeworth Economics, Toronto, Canada

Sirun spent the past four years as an Economic Consultant, leveraging data analytics and econometric modeling to help her clients in high-profile litigation matters in pharmaceutical, retail, tax, and many more industries. Beyond her highly analytical career, Sirun has also worked professionally as an artist since high school, illustrating two published books, columns, and various commissions. In her free time, Sirun enjoys running, hiking, learning new languages, and café hopping. She is residing with a clingy cat named Truffle and is looking to find him a playmate.
Stacy Arciniega
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Economics and Finance (Honours)
Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas, Lima, Peru

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Investment Supervisor of Private Pension Funds, Superintendency of Banks, Insurance and Private Pension Funds Administrators, Lima, Peru

Stacy has always been involved with the finance industry. As a pension fund’s investment supervisor and a Chartered Financial Analyst, she had directly participated in new regulatory proposals regarding environmental, governance and social factors as part of the investment process. She considers education as an important tool to generate impact, which is why she has been a teacher for more than three years and has done volunteering related to schooling. Stacy enjoys working out, doing yoga and baking treats. She has also visited over 20 cities around the world and is a movie enthusiast.
Supriya Chawla
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Management Studies (B.M.S.), 1st Division
Delhi University, India

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Senior Consulting Analyst (Public Sector and Economic Development), Kearney, Gurugram, India

Supriya is highly passionate about problem-solving and driving social impact to promote inclusivity in society. She spent four years as a consulting analyst, winning several accolades for helping ministries and companies across the globe implement sustainable solutions in domains such as retail, defense, healthcare, banking, etc. Her most recent solution is a smart cities index for the public sector which is now internally used by her organization as a yardstick to assess the level of maturity of a smart city. While she enjoys applying analytical rigor to solve problems, she regularly practices extracurricular pursuits such as dance and weightlifting.
Taiwo Olukoya
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
The Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria

Master of Science (Distinction)
University of Ibadan, Nigeria

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Packaging Line Manager, The Heineken Company, Lagos, Nigeria

Taiwo is passionate about the continuous improvement of processes, and she has spent the last 4 years doing just that as a Packaging Line Manager with Heineken Nigeria. She has led different operations teams and managed multiple packaging lines with the aim of maximizing productivity. She particularly loves using data analysis to gain insights into operational problems and arrive at solutions. Her ability to identify solutions to unique problems has led her to start several businesses, one of which is an online children’s clothing store she co-founded with her twin sister. From tutoring secondary school students in low-income areas to mentoring young female engineering graduates, it is evident that Taiwo derives utmost satisfaction from imparting the knowledge and experiences she has gained. She enjoys traveling, learning about new places and cultures, and listening to music.
Tamara Frez Rios
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Mining Engineering
Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Business Analyst, BHP, Santiago, Chile

Line Technical Specialist BOS, Minera Spence - BHP, Sierra Gorda, Chile

With a drive for the uncommon, Tamara decided to pursue an unconventional career and became a Mining Engineer. She has explored different career paths - Data Analytics, Mining Operations, Contract Administration, Continuous Improvement and Technology - aiming to learn as much as possible, being continuously challenged and contributing to each role with the lessons learned from the past. Tamara is also passionate about inclusion - besides female empowerment - and volunteered as an Inclusion and Diversity council member for BHP Minerals Americas.

In her free time, Tamara loves to travel. She is an eager cross fitter and scuba diver.
Yetunde Soewu
FULL-TIME MBA

EDUCATION
Bachelor of Engineering: Chemical Engineering
Covenant University, Ota, Nigeria

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE
Innovation Planner, Unilever, Lagos, Nigeria
Production Manager, Unilever, Lagos, Nigeria

Coming from a country where competent and reliable leadership is sometimes a scarce commodity, Yetunde is passionate about contributing to the pipeline of great African leaders. Being the first female production manager in the oral care factory at Unilever Nigeria and being responsible for about 100 factory employees, Yetunde was determined to make an indelible mark that would encourage the business to give other women in operations similar leadership opportunities. Yetunde was responsible for implementing several projects that improved the factory’s efficiency by 10% and reduced the factory’s waste by 60%. In her most recent role as an innovation planner, Yetunde was responsible for accelerating topline growth by providing product sourcing solutions that are scalable, sustainable, reduce supply chain complexity, encourage pan-African trade, and make business sense.

Yetunde volunteers at a non-governmental, non-profit organization, WOCON which is committed to enforcing women and children’s rights and the attainment of equality, development, and peace. She also thoroughly enjoys traveling and experiencing new cultures. Yetunde is a DELF-certified A2 French speaker on a mission to achieve fluency in the French language.