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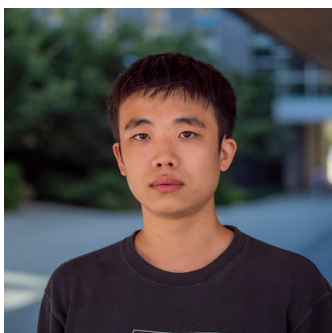
Bessie
Bao, Wenhui
Economics

I am from Shanghai, China, and I feel honored to be able to earn a combined degree in both Economics and Statistics at UBC! For the past four years of my bachelor's journey, I have always been into quantitative applications of studied knowledge on real-world economic data and follow-up data analysis. I once had a summer internship in the asset management team in 2021 and that was exactly when my interest in dealing with figures bloomed. Moreover, I have been working as a research assistant for Professor Hiroyuki Kasahara since May, 2022. During the process, I really enjoyed consistently learning how to do the literature reviews and write the codes for analysis in a researcher position, as well as holding the precious opportunity to communicate with a professor promptly and directly.



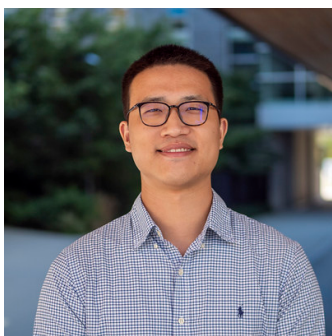
Mira
Chen, Meiru
Economics

Ever since taking my first economics class, I was drawn to the logic and methodology behind economic theory and empirical analysis. Economics theory helps us to dissect complex phenomena, clarify causality, and get closer to the truth. In my undergraduate studies, I acquired the methodology of identifying correlations and causations by combining theory and data analysis. However, I still need to expand my knowledge in other disciplines, especially environmental and business perspectives. Moreover, I need to improve my quantitative analysis skills. Although I took several Econometrics and statistics courses in my undergraduate study, I still lack experience applying economic theories to solving practical problems. This is why I'm looking forward to joining the MFRE program. I am eager to further enhance my skills in analyzing data in practical situations. It is also the field that I am primarily interested in, and I hope to become a data or financial analyst in the future. But I also aim to explore my interests and passions in other areas during the learning process of this program, striving to identify the career goals that ignite my enthusiasm and potential.



Carl
Chen, Pengzhou
Economics

Hi, this is Carl. I graduated from UBC with a bachelor's degree in economics and political Science. I used to be a research assistant for the UBC Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability during my undergraduate study. I believe food and resource governance will be an imperil part in making social and economic decisions going forward. The MFRE program can help me to gain a better understanding on quantitative reasoning and technical knowhow. In addition, I believe the program can enhance my industry knowledge on environmental regulations and commodity trading. In the future, I hope to work as a consultant for private equities or analyst for the public sector.



Barry
Chen, Zijian
Economics

This is Zijian Chen (Barry). Nice to meet you all virtually/in reality in the future! I studied crop sciences and psychology back in my undergraduate level and then majored in Agricultural Economics at grad school. I worked 5 years in an agricultural commodity trading companies where I found my blind spots/weakness of knowledge in the world of agriculture/economics, for example, I thought there were more efficient ways in macro-data analysis for me at work and I was curious when it came to the subject of policy-making given that the market in China could be heavily driven by different policies.

I like movies & music & reading in my leisure time, I am also a certified personal trainer who plays a lot less often pick-up basketball games than before. Thank you all!

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Elodie
Cheng, Xi
Economics

Hello guys! My name is Xi Cheng, you can call me Elodie. I graduated from UBC with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Economics one year ago. During this gap year, I worked as an intern in a securities company in China. And finally it turns out I may not be interested in the securities market. Besides that, my family is doing business about food import and export trade. In order to better understand this market and help my family business, I would like to learn more in MFRE program, and also learn some coding skills. Looking forward to seeing you guys soon!



Yuto
Dobashi, Yuto
Agri Food and Env Policy

Hi everyone! I'm Yuto, an international student from Japan. I am glad to become a part of the MFRE family. I earned a bachelor's degree in Agri-Food and Environmental Policy from Meiji University and bring years of experience in the FMCG industry. My career has primarily revolved around sales and international trade management, with a particular focus on the confectionery and food sectors. Through the MFRE program, I aspire to further develop my analytical skills from an economic perspective. I am excited about the potential these quantitative skills hold as I navigate the uncertainties of the future, including Agri-tech, Food-tech, big data, the supply chain, and other emerging elements. My long-term goals are to secure a management role in a leading FMCG company in my 30s and to establish my own business in my 40s. In my spare time, I enjoy staying active. I like eating, doing sports, jogging, playing the piano & violin, watching Netflix, and exploring. Looking forward to meeting all!



Sasha
Dobisz, Sasha Ivetta
Food and Resource Econ

Hi! My name is Sasha, and I am so excited to be in the MFRE cohort this year. I am originally from the small city of Owen Sound, Ontario. I recently completed my bachelor's degree in Food and Resource Economics at the University of British Columbia. During my undergraduate degree, I became increasingly interested in the environmental impacts of the food chain, from production to consumer food waste. I chose the MFRE program because I would like to learn more economic tools and data analysis techniques within the food and environment sector. Following the MFRE program, I aspire to work for the Government of Canada. My goal is to help shape policy to create a more environmentally and economically sustainable food system.



Claudia
Dominguez, Claudia Paola
Economics

I have a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in urban studies. My work experience has focused on social development and public policy, particularly on monitoring and planning. MFRE attracted my attention because I want to deepen my knowledge of environmental issues and how to conciliate them with economic development. I want to contribute to public policy with a broader understanding and create solutions for a more sustainable future by implementing actions to prevent climate change.

My main interests are environmental economics and Quantitative data analysis. I have always used data analysis, as one of the most valuable areas. After all, it explores new ways to lead relevant decisions.

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Rebecca
Feng, Linqing
Mathematical Economics

Hello everyone, my name is Linqing Feng, but you can also call me Rebecca. I completed my Bachelor's degree in Mathematical Economics at University of Waterloo in 2023. I had the opportunity to intern at a Chinese limited company during the summer of 2021, where I gained valuable experience in international trade. I have a strong interest in areas such as food and resources because they allow me to apply the economics knowledge I acquired during my undergraduate studies to real-life situations. It is truly an honour for me to be a part of the MFRE family. My career goal is to serve as a policy analyst either in an NGO or a government department. This will enable me to conduct research on economic development or food and natural resource problems to provide high-quality advice to policy makers. I believe the MFRE program can greatly assist me in achieving my career goals.



Andy
Han, Yehui
Life Science

Hello! I am Andy this is my fifth year at UBC. recently I just completed my Bachelor's degree in Food and Resource Economics. I established a distinct curiosity about food production and distribution. As I progressed in my undergraduate degree, this passion transformed into a desire to explore the logic behind the food market and the economic impact of large-scale environmental and governmental disruptions

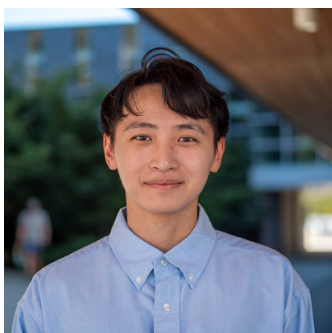
I am excited to deepen my professional knowledge and skills by studying in UBC's Master of Food and Resource Economics (MFRE) program. I anticipate that this program will not only enhance my understanding of business management, government policy, and production practices but also sharpen my communication and interpersonal skills, which I believe will be critical to my future career path. It's a pleasure to meet you all and I hope we can become friends!



Jenny
Hu, Jingyan
Applied Economics

I am Jingyan (Jenny) Hu, I graduated from Queen's University this year, with Applied Economics major and Mathematics minor. I did some quantitative research on various topics. I cannot wait to join the MFRE program to continuously develop my quantitative analysis skills, and gain more knowledge in business, food, and resource fields. I love engaging in campus life, I was the head of the event of Queen's Culture Exchange Club and worked as a service staff in the Student Life Centre and Office Assistant in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Moreover, I volunteered for the CAMAAY hearing loss program and worked as a TA in a summer camp

I am originally from Chengdu, the city known as the gourmet capital of China. Local people have an incredible passion and creativity for food. I am no exception; I love trying delicious food and observing how the food industry operates. I care about the food market and resource scarcity, especially during this post-pandemic period. Moreover, I wish to expand my knowledge of Economics in specific areas, and I am eager to enter the food and resource industry and work as an analyst, consultant or strategic planner

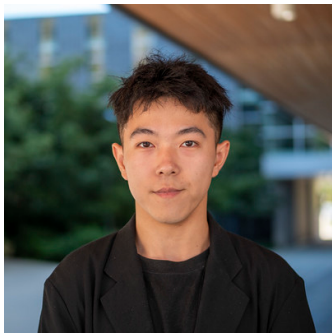


Jinkun
Hu, Jinkun
Economics

Hi, I'm Jinkun from Wuhan, China. I just graduated from UBC with the Bachelor of Economics. I used to be an intern of consulting departments in Agriculture Bank of China, EY China, and Deloitte China. My work mainly focused on ESG policy, sustainability, and potential policy analyst. Thus, from that time, I began to be interested in environment, resources and sustainable development and looking forward to becoming a qualified professional in ESG policy in the future. The MFRE program can assist me with my career goal.

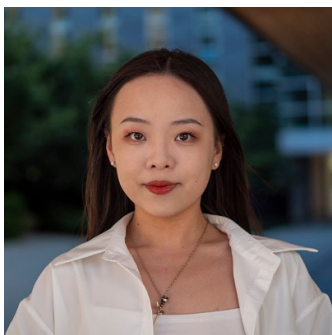
The program can provide me with sufficient specialist knowledge and training in quantitative skills, which is essential for me to do data-driven and evidence-based research in the future. Hence, I believe that I will gain the skills and knowledge that will benefit my future career through MFRE program

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Yuang
Hu, Yuang
Economics

I graduated from UBC with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. Among my undergraduate courses in Economics, I excelled at Environmental renewable Resources Economics and learned to apply economic analysis to various environmental issues. Part of my attention has always been drawn to the development of the agricultural economy and its relationship to other environmental and natural resources. Additionally, with the global deployment of food and beverage chains, I am intrigued by their purchasing and pricing strategies. Over the past two years, I have advanced my economics and business development knowledge through internships with finance and resources companies. These experiences have strengthened my data analysis skills and resource economics. In addition, I was also involved in a couple of research projects and developed relevant skills for future research. For example, I used Stata to predict the on-field performance of young hockey athletes and visualized their overall admission patterns. Another research project I worked on investigated the correlation between COVID-19 and food price fluctuations across Canada. I like playing basketball and going to the gym in my spare time. I enjoyed watching Barcelona and Golden State Warriors games. The reason for joining MFRE is that that combines theory and projects, which is critical to my future career as I aspire to work in international sustainable agricultural businesses. I look forward to continuing my journey through the MFRE program by connecting with experts in the field.



Serena
Huang, Xinyi
Economics

I recently graduated from UBC with a B.Sc. degree in Mathematics and a minor degree in Economics. My MBTI personality is ENTJ. Now I am working on the CFA exam which I have registered for in August 2023. When studying for the CFA exams, the topic of environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) originates my passion in the field of natural resource and environmental issues. My internship experience at TF Securities Co., Ltd in 2019 as a junior financial analyst helped me to develop many business abilities, including financial modeling and accounting skills for financial statements analysis. My undergraduate specialization in Mathematics not only prepared my capability of conducting quantitative analysis, but also cultivated my sensitivity to big data. Then I found that the MFRE program fits perfectly well with my interested area and my undergraduate studies, covering Economics, Finance, Policy from the perspective of food, resource and environment. Thus I am very excited to be a part of MFRE. After MFRE, I hope to work as an analyst for the government or financial institutions, specializing in the agri-food and resource sector.



Agam
Kalra, Agamveer
Interdisciplinary

Hey there! I'm Agam, and I couldn't be more excited to join the MFRE program at UBC Vancouver. I've always been fascinated by the fascinating interplay between food, natural resources, and the environment, and this program is the perfect fit for me. When I was studying Economics and taking FRE electives at UBC, something just clicked. I realized the immense impact that agriculture and resource industries have on our economy and environment. Growing up in Punjab, I saw firsthand the struggles faced by farmers, with low crop prices and little support from the government leading to heartbreaking consequences. It's motivated me to find solutions to these challenges. Aside from my studies, I'm a huge advocate for sustainability. You'll often find me out in nature, hiking and capturing its beauty through my camera lens. I also love experimenting in the kitchen, exploring different cuisines and seeking out sustainable food choices. I'm stoked to dive into the MFRE program and expand my skills in areas like data analysis and policy evaluation. I truly believe that these skills are crucial for tackling the complex issues we face in the climate, food, and resource industries. I can't wait to connect with the diverse student community at UBC and learn from the brilliant faculty in the MFRE program. Together, I know we can make a real difference in the food, natural resources, and environmental sectors. My ultimate goal is to work as a policy analyst, collaborating with organizations and government bodies to tackle food insecurity and distribution issues. I'm eager to bring about sustainable change and create a brighter future. Thanks for taking the time to get to know me, and I can't wait to embark on this incredible journey at UBC's MFRE program! Let's make a positive impact together



Lauriel
Lau, Lauriel Victoria
Operation and Logistics

Hi there! I am from Kingston, Jamaica, and recently graduated from UBC Sauder School of Business with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Operations and Logistics. I have lived in three countries, Jamaica, China, and Canada. Throughout my time volunteering in Jamaica, I clearly realize that there are still so many people in the world who are experiencing poverty and hunger. The process of distributing food to refugee areas every week cannot help but give me the idea of dedicating to research on food economy and environmental issues when I was in high school. Joining the MFRE program aligns perfectly with my career aspirations. I am drawn to the program's multidisciplinary curriculum, which integrates economics, policy, and technology in tackling global food security and resource management issues. My main areas of interest include sustainable agriculture, circular economy, and food waste reduction. Post MFRE, I aim to leverage my knowledge and skills to work towards creating sustainable and resilient food systems. Whether in the realm of policy development, consulting, or research, my ultimate goal is to contribute to the transformation of the food and resources sector, promoting environmental stewardship and social equity. Through the MFRE program, I am excited to collaborate with like-minded individuals and industry experts, gaining invaluable insights and fostering meaningful connections that will further empower me to make a positive impact in the field.

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Chloe
Li, Siran
Commerce

Throughout my undergraduate studies, I focused on commerce with a specialization in finance and business analytics, which honed my abilities in quantitative and data analysis. The global pandemic caused by Covid-19 has had a severe impact on the world's economy, with each country implementing various regulations and restrictions.

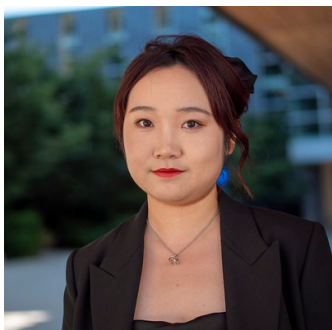
In Canada, I have observed the supply chain crisis in the food and resource sectors, which has made food less accessible and affordable for people across the country. While working as a research assistant at UBC Sauder, I helped collect transportation data and analyzed how transport connectivity affects import and export trades between Canada and its trade partners. This experience inspired me to explore how government policies and transportation impact price volatility and the supply chain of food and resources. Upon completion of my MFRE degree, I aim to obtain a position as an analyst in a finance firm, with a focus on food, resources, and green finance, where I can apply my comprehensive knowledge and analytical skills



Karena
Liu, Xinyue
Economics

I graduated from UBC with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. During my undergraduate years, I gained practical experience through internships at several banks and volunteered at a court. It was during this time that my interest in environmental economics sparked. I found the integration of environmental protection into the economic market to be fascinating and truly amazing, which led me to join the MFRE program.

After completing MFRE, my career goal is to pursue a Ph.D. and continue my studies in this field. I aspire to contribute to research and policy development that promotes sustainable economic practices and addresses environmental challenges

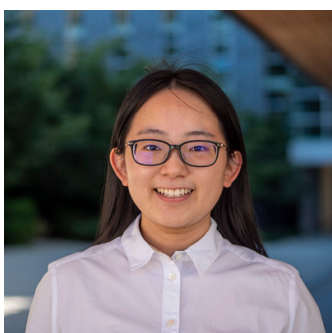


Kina
Ma, Jiayi
Economics and Statistics

I graduated from UBC with a Bachelor of Combined Major in Economics and Statistics. My academic background has sparked a strong interest in environmental and agricultural economics. Beyond study, I am keenly interested in astrophotography and whale photography, capturing the beauty of the night sky and ocean. This hobby allows me to discover the vastness of the universe, the mystery of the Ocean and the importance of preserving our planet for future generations.

I believe that through my learning in MFRE program, personal interests, and practical experience, I can contribute to developing sustainable market strategies that prioritize environmental conservation and drive positive change

My previous work experience in a metal import-export company has provided valuable insights into the global environmental economy. This experience has given me a solid understanding of the challenges and opportunities in creating market solutions that align with ecological sustainability and corporate interests.



Helen
Mao, Yicheng
Economics

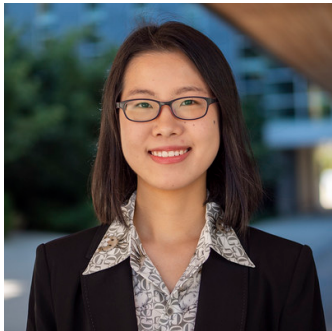
Hi everyone! My name is Yicheng (Helen) Mao. I recently graduated from UBC with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Economics. Throughout my undergraduate study, I developed a strong interest in resource economics, especially in the topics of optimal resource allocation and resource-related policies. I believe the MFRE program will provide me with the opportunity to explore a broader range of topics in agricultural and resource economics. I am also excited to strengthen my data analyzing skills through the MFRE program, which will enable me to utilize empirical data models to study the optimization of resource allocation and extraction. My future career goal is to work as an economic data analyst in the resource-related sector.

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Queena
Sha, Xiyun
Economics

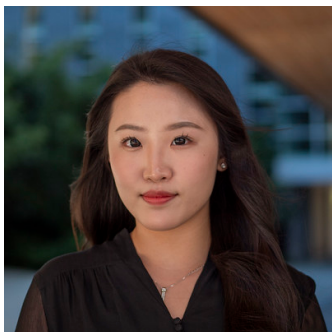
Hi everyone, my name is Queena. I graduated from UBC this year with a major of Economics. I used to work in Pan Pacific Hotel in Ningbo as a sales coordinator for two months. This year, I worked for Bluebox (smart locker company) in Victoria as a sales coordinator for two months. By joining the program of MFRE, I have the chance to expand my knowledge in econometrics and business analysis. My future career goal is to work in NGOs or food supply company. The program of MFRE can really aid to my future career goal. In my spare time, I like baking and doing some handcraft.



Feier
Shao, Feier
Economics

I obtained my bachelor's degree in economics at UBC. During my undergraduate studies, I completed a corporate venture capital and business analytics internship but found myself not particularly interested in working in this area. Instead, I was fascinated by environmental and resource economics after taking relevant courses at UBC. I am keen to apply economic theories and models to solve challenging environmental and social problems including GHG emissions and food insecurity. In my senior capstone project, my team cooperated with UBC Food Service and SEEDS Sustainability Program to conduct a comprehensive assessment of carbon emissions in the food service supply chain, and helped develop policy recommendations to meet the GHG reduction requirements of UBC Climate Action Plan 2030.

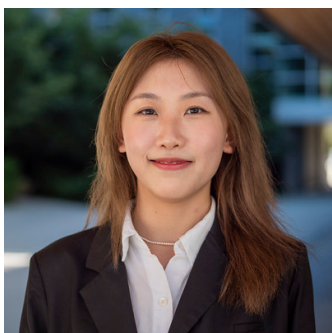
I believe that MFRE is the best fit for me to pursue further study in environmental and resource economics, for it exactly aligns with my intended research areas and empowers me to delve into food security and environmental issues with a quantitative approach. Upon graduation from MFRE, I aspire to continue my exploration of these research areas in a PhD program, or work for government agencies/NGOs to address real-world issues such as food security, land use and resource allocation.



Yiyi
Sun, Yiyi
Economics

I recently graduated from UBC with a BA degree in economics. Born in Shanghai as a millennial, I am lucky to be among the first to taste the fruit of China's booming economy. Nevertheless, its economic takeoff also came at large costs-environment degradation and resource depletion, which left painful hangovers. I had served as a volunteer in my community and devoted my efforts to environmental conservation in my spare time since my teenage years. However, an individual's contributions cannot be the solution to such a global issue.

I pondered, explored, and practiced, aspiring to find a powerful, effective means to correct our impact on the environment for sustainable development and public health. I also completed several relevant internships with a can-do attitude, and I learned the Green Economy Progress measurement framework and how to measure the green economy using indicator methodologies. Such enrichments forth expanded my horizons and refreshed my insights into current policies and measures for sustainable development. The study of MFRE can help me have a better theoretical understanding of the environment and resource-related careers. I can't wait to join the MFRE cohort to learn from everyone



Jodie
Tang, Zixin
Economics

Hello everyone! I am Tang Zixin, hailing from Shenzhen, China, and I recently graduated from UBC with a major in Economics. The catalyst behind my decision to pursue the MFRE program traces back to my freshman year when I had the opportunity to visit a UBC farm. This experience shed light on the significance of renewable resources and the crucial role they play in our food systems. Driven by my fervent passion for sustainability and food resources, I am eager to take action that benefits society as a whole. The MFRE program stood out to me due to its comprehensive curriculum directly aligned with sustainability and food resources, piquing my curiosity and fueling my interest in joining this program.

While my previous internships in an investment company, where I focused on strategic investments, and in a securities company, where I worked on IPO projects, were not directly connected to food resources, I firmly believe that enrolling in the MFRE program will equip me with a broader knowledge base and essential skills like data analysis. Such expertise will undoubtedly prove valuable in preparing me for future endeavors in government work. I am enthusiastically looking forward to embarking on this journey in the MFRE program!

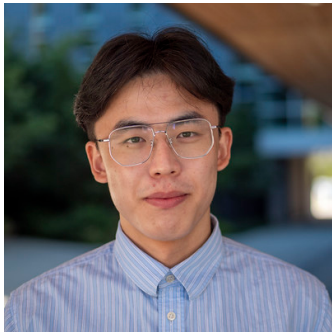
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Everard

Van Zoelen Cortes, Everard
Food, Nutrition and Health

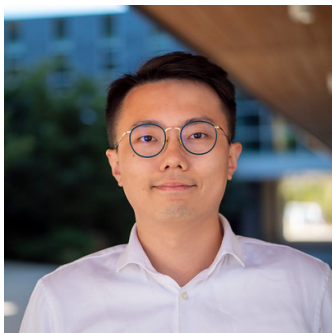
My name is Everard, I was born and raised in Guadalajara, Mexico. I moved to Vancouver five years ago and just very recently finished my undergraduate degree in Food, Nutrition and Health. During my studies I learned about the MFRE program through some of my elective courses, where I gained an interest in the intersections between food and economics. My main area of interest is in data analytics, since I believe that when it's used creatively, in a well-structured and responsible manner, it can prove to be a strong toolset for solutions that increase community welfare. After MFRE, my career focus and mission is similar that to my father's, work in the food and agribusiness sector with the intent to guarantee environmental sustainability and enhance the lives of people and their communities.



Jay

Wang, Yujie
Economics

I graduated from UBC with a BA degree in economics. As a youngster, it was my desire then to own a piece of land one day, so as to closely sense the spiritual gift of the natural world. After majoring in Economics at UBC, I discovered there was a subdivision interlinked with resource economics, which intrigued me. This can help actualize a healthy and sustainable developmental trend and thus build a stronger ecological environment for the world that we inhabit. I want to be an entrepreneur in agriculture. Through MFRE, I fully intend to systematically garner useful information surrounding the arenas of agribusiness, commodity pricing, agricultural management, and risk management, which will all lay the ground working for subsequently constructing my own ecologically sustainable agribusiness

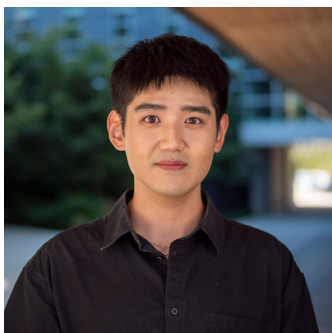


Sebastian

Wong, Tak Tin
Economics and Finance

After graduating with an Economics and Finance bachelor's degree in Hong Kong, I joined an energy corporation to work on Merge & Acquisition projects. I was sent to Calgary to handle execution of transactions where my goal to devote into energy industry was set there. I was later worked in the field of business development. I learnt that vertical farming might be a solution to food shortage crisis especially to nations who rely heavily on imported food due to insufficient or infertile farmland, or unsuitable climate. By joining the MFRE program, I aim to deepen my knowledge on such field that I would be able to utilize what I've learnt to provide a solution to the current crisis.

Following my interest, I am pursuing my career in business consultancy firm or policy advisory firm in the resources sector. I believe MFRE would be the best platform equipping me the required knowledge and providing me the resources in achieving my goals



Patrick

Wu, Jiaying
Economics

I graduated from University of Toronto Mississauga in June, 2020 with major in both Economics and Communication, Content, Information and Technology. Starting from high school to university, I spent several years trying to improve my comprehensive skills in Economics. After my bachelor graduation, in order to be able to adapt the application for master earlier, I spent almost two years working in a logistics company to enhance my social experiences. During spare time, I was also exploring a lot of investment with financial planners since stocks are really addicted to me. And now, I am working for Bank of Montreal as a part-time customer service representative which is more related to Economics. In MFRE program, I am really interested in the topics of Marginal benefit or cost caused by either food production or waste as well as sufficient food resource allocation. I believe these topics will make me give back as a highly equipped professional to the community

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Jiayi
Wu, Jiayi
Commerce

Hi everyone, I'm Jiayi Wu. I have just graduated from UBC Sauder School of Business this summer with a specialization of operation and logistics. This specialization helps me to be familiar with technical methods, such as SQL, Tableau, and python. I am interested in how we do the storage forecast to have the arbitrage in the future to maximize farmers' profits. In addition, natural resources and environmental sectors are inseparable with the development of science and technology, people are more inclined to promote the use of renewable energy to alleviate the depletion of natural resources. Currently, I think big data and visualization analyst is my career goal, I believe MFRE program could give me a more specific career goal in the future.

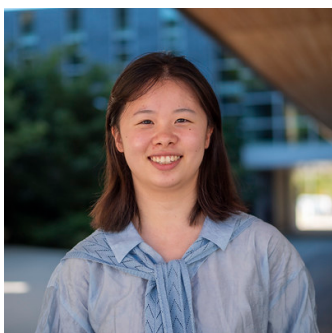


Vanessa
Wu, Wancheng
Economics

I am passionate about experiencing different cultures, and that is why I went to four universities on three continents during undergrad: in addition to graduating with high distinction and high honors in Economics from the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, I have also studied at Sun Yat-sen University in China, the University of Hong Kong, and the London School of Economics and Political Science.

I am also passionate about agribusiness: I have worked as an analyst in a boutique private equity firm that specializes in the swine industry, and I am excited about the opportunity to learn more about applying data analytics in agribusiness in the MFRE program. With the acquired knowledge, I hope to work as an agricultural economist after graduation.

I love listening to and reading about classical music, and I can often be found by the piano during my free time. My favorite composers include Beethoven, Chopin, Tchaikovsky, and Rachmaninoff.



Renli
Xiang, Renli
Public Finances

Hi everyone, this is Renli. I graduated from University of Waterloo and Shandong University of Finance and Economics, majoring in economics and public finance. I have been working for Zhejiang Good Fitting Co., Ltd as an intern in the international trade department. During the undergraduate period, I have been trying to learn different fields related to economy and understand relevant data and policies. MFRE gives me a huge opportunity to further accumulate economic theories and models and apply them to work. I would like to devote myself to policy analysis with stronger data processing skills. After the master program, I would like to pursue working for the government in agricultural field and research better and more appropriate policies



Easton
Xie, Dong
Economics

I am Easton, a recent graduate of the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a minor in Commerce. Since graduation I have worked and interned in various fields, including real estate, insurance, and finance. I am interested in environmental economics, which led me to apply for the MFRE program. After completing the MFRE program, my goal is to work as a data analyst in the agricultural industry to contribute to a carbon-free economy.

I enjoy hiking, frisbee, and snowboarding. I like to challenge myself, constantly learn new knowledge and skills, and apply them to practical situations. My ultimate goal is to become an innovator, create value for society, and improve people's lives. I believe that by constantly pursuing the state of flow, I can achieve this goal. I am a curious and passionate person with a strong interest in various fields,

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Emma
Xie, Jingqingze
Economics

Hi, everyone! My name is Jingqingze Xie, and I recently graduated from SFU with a Bachelor of Economics with distinction. During my time at Simon Fraser University, I primarily focused on acquiring theoretical knowledge in Economics. I completed an internship as a finance intern at an international trade company, and during my senior year, I worked with my mentor on researching the local economic impact of China's environmental protection tax law. I am very interested in the process and decision-making of government policy. Therefore, the main reason why I chose the MFRE program is to gain in-depth knowledge of food and resource economics, as well as learn more comprehensive methods and techniques for policy analysis and data analysis.

After MFRE, I plan to become a policy analyst in the agricultural and environmental sector, contributing to sustainable policy development and benefiting society



Xinyi
Xu, Xinyi
Economics

I am Xinyi Xu, who recently graduated from UBC Sauder School of Business with a major of Finance. My undergraduate studies equipped me with business competency, a solid financial foundation, and an economic mindset to help me to continue my studies in MFRE. In addition, I am familiar with the R programming and Excel models. I hope I can learn more useful computer techniques for quantitative/data analysis. I have also interned as a business analyst at O1 Caijing. During the internship, I performed extensive research on digital transformation trends and strategies for the insurance industry and composed industry insight reports.

MFRE will enable me to systematically advance my knowledge of agriculture and hone my quantitative toolkit with econometric models, and gain hands-on experience. Upon graduation, I intend to work at consulting firms as a research analyst and leverage my expertise to reveal information about the food industry



Betty
Yan, Xu
Economics

Hello! My name is Xu Yan, and you can also call me Betty. I received my Bachelor's degree at UBC majoring in Economics and Asian Language and Culture. My first perception of economics is a relatively scientific subject. After taking a course related to Resource Economics, I found it is very close to daily life, and it reinforced my determination and motivation to study economics in graduate school. My main areas of interest are natural resources and related policy analysis. However, so far, it is hard to tell my clear career goal. I believe MFRE is a more comprehensive program that offers opportunities to learn topics in agriculture, food, natural resources, and the environmental aspects, which help me have a deeper understanding of economic development, which can help me narrow down to a more clear career goal. I am looking forward to seeing MFRE members in August



Edith
Yiu, Yee Tak Edith
Business Economics

Hello, my name is Edith and I am a seasoned professional with extensive experience in the financial services and education sectors. I graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2012 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Economics. Since then, I have held various leadership positions, including Executive Manager of the HKU-SCF FinTech Academy and my current role as Executive Manager of the Research Centre for Blockchain Technology at Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Before this, I worked in the banking industry for 8 years, mainly as a project manager leading the development of FinTech products, with additional experience in credit card and retail lending product development. During my time at the FinTech Academy, I worked on ESG-related projects and was appointed as the Academy's representative to join the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SNSD) Hong Kong Chapter. This experience gave me a deeper understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals, with the goal of "Zero Hunger" particularly piquing my interest. To further my knowledge in this area, I decided to apply for the MFRE program. I am excited to combine my past academic knowledge, work experience, and skills to serve the food and resources sector. I look forward to making a positive impact in the industry. In my free time, I enjoy coffee, listening to music, and traveling

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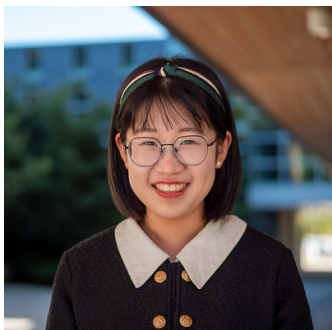
Elizabeth
Yu, Yanghongxuan
Economics

I have recently graduated from UBC double majoring in economics and psychology. I have chosen MFRE for its professional development in economic analysis and agricultural business management. My main interests are honing my analytical skills and further my knowledge in the area. Upon finishing the program, I hope to provide business consultations in the agricultural sector



Enchao
Zhang, Enchao
Economics

Having completed my BA degree in Economics at the University of British Columbia, the culmination of my undergraduate experiences has proliferated my passion for systematically exploring the economics and policy analysis at the intersection of agri-food systems and environmental resource management. Moreover, I possess an innate passion for research on climate change, agricultural sustainability, and food security from an economic perspective. Thus, I am thrilled to matriculate into the venerated MFRE program. Through its multidisciplinary curriculum encompassing applied economics, agribusiness, and policy analysis, I intend to cultivate optimal strategies to address sustainable development, environmental concerns, and resource governance in agriculture and food systems. By undertaking the MFRE program, I am confident in acquiring the ability to analyze data, evaluate policy and project, and conduct in-depth research before actualizing my long-term goal of becoming an Economic and Policy Analyst in international organizations, spearheading resource management projects and sustainable agricultural policies



Estella
Zhang, Yimeng
*Ag Econ and Forestry
Econ Management*

Motivated by my rural upbringing in Shandong Province, China, I pursued a bachelor's degree in Agricultural and Forestry Economics & Management at Beijing Forestry University, with a minor in Economics from Peking University. Along my academic journey, I demonstrated leadership and communication abilities by organizing a campus-wide session on sustainable management. Immersing myself in real-world modeling analysis further ignited my passion for Food and Resource Economics, prompting me to pursue a Master's program to advance my career prospects.

My internship at Deloitte's Venture Capital and Private Equity Program provided practical insights into applying economic principles. This experience solidified my aspiration to work as an economic analyst across public, private, and academic sectors. Equipped with my skills and knowledge, I am determined to contribute to the sustainability of our eco-society, particularly in addressing the urgent challenges of climate change

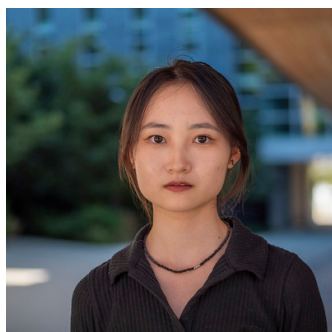


Susana
Zhang, Zihan
International Economics

I recently graduated from UBC Bachelor of International Economics. After taking ECON 471, nonrenewable resource economics, it sparked my interest in how resource extractors allocate their extraction plans over time, as well as in policies that encourage businesses to switch to renewable energy. The models are evidently the essence of researchers' work, but they were built upon a number of rigorous assumptions that are difficult to apply in a real-world context. I'm interested in incorporating quantitative skills with economics in order to better analyze policies from various perspectives in different industries. Thinking about my future path, I look forward to getting involved in data analytics at financial or energy companies.

Apart from simply extracting data, a more crucial process is utilizing the data to assess the pros and cons of implementing certain features from a business perspective.

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Hazel
Zhou, Jingyuan
Economics

I recently graduated from Dalhousie University with a major in Economics and a minor in Statistics. After spending some time volunteering with a food charity, I became more aware of the importance of proper distribution of food and resources. I was attracted by the MFRE's combination of knowledge and skills in food markets, economics, and business. During my studies in the MFRE program, I hope to learn more about food markets and hopefully have an opportunity to better manage and protect limited resources in this field in the future. In my free time, I enjoy listening to music to relieve stress, as well as hiking and painting. I look forward to meeting you all soon!