

Sarah Akpesse

EDUCATION

Rotman School of Management & Department of Economics, University of Toronto

Master of Financial Economics

Toronto, Ontario

Expected June 2027

– **Award:** Graduate Entrance Scholarship (\$4,000)

– **Upcoming Relevant Courses:** Corporate Financing II (MBA), Options and Futures Markets (MBA), Econometrics (MA)

Telfer School of Management, University of Ottawa

Honours Bachelor of Commerce in Finance (Co-op)

Ottawa, Ontario

Sep 2020 – Dec 2024

– **Academics:** cGPA 3.9/4.0

– **Scholarships:** Merit Scholarship 2020-2024 (\$1,000), CIBC 2023 Commercial Banking & Wealth Management Scholarship (\$10,000), Jean-Luc Gravel Scholarship for women students in finance (\$2,500)

– **Relevant Courses:** Corporate Finance (A+), Equity Valuation (A), Investment Fund Management II (A+), Financial Modelling (A+)

– **Exchange:** ESSEC Business School (2024) – Visited iconic sites such as Auvers-sur-Oise, Van Gogh's last city of residence

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

– Corporate Finance Institute (CFI) – Accounting, Financial Analysis Fundamentals, 3-Statement Modelling

2024

– Bloomberg Certification Program – Equities, Fixed Income, Foreign Exchange

2024

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BNP Paribas – Corporate & Institutional Banking

Corporate Coverage Summer Analyst

Montreal, Quebec

May 2024 – Aug 2024

– Led the “Prospects Deck” project, evaluating nine C\$3B+ companies to recommend banking solutions using Dealogic and Capital IQ

– Collaborated with a team of three to develop pitch decks for the Canadian Diversified Group, delivering strategic and financial analysis

– Monitored and forecasted team monthly revenue in Excel, incorporating client input, market developments, and growth strategies

– Summarized and communicated key market events, including M&A deals and economic indicators for the benefit of senior analysts

CIBC Commercial Banking

Cash Management Summer Analyst

Ottawa, Ontario

May 2023 – Aug 2023

– Analyzed and synthesized corporate clients' financial statements and recurring transactions to propose optimal cash management tools

– Produced over five treasury reviews to provide clients with an overview of their cash position and solutions to improve their trading

– Assisted cash managers in reviewing and running more than 51 pricing proposals to enhance client relationships and bank revenues

– Executed and delivered over 12 payment limit reports to relationship managers for mid-market businesses, facilitating annual reviews

University of Ottawa

Junior Business Analyst – IT department

Ottawa, Ontario

May 2022 – Apr 2023

– Worked as part of a team of business analysts and developers to gather clients' needs and optimize their daily business processes

– Provided updates to clients on the progress of projects to keep them informed and ensure that the work met their expectations

– Designed over six user portals mock-ups, using software such as MS Visio or Jira, to facilitate the preview of proposed solutions

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Telfer Capital Markets Program

Technology, Media, and Telecommunications Portfolio Manager

Ottawa, Ontario

Apr 2022 – May 2024

– Co-managed a \$300K North American equity portfolio backed by the University of Ottawa's endowment, collaborating with 20 analysts across sector teams (TMT, Consumer, etc.) to drive investment decisions and portfolio performance

– Led an AI-driven research project to automate report generation and financial modeling, improving speed and consistency in analysis

BIPOC Business Society

Director of Events & Programming

Ottawa, Ontario

Sep 2023 – May 2024

– Volunteered with the BIPOC Business Society to support diverse students' professional growth through mentorship and events

– Planned and managed over five activities such as networking events, office visits (e.g., at BDO, Deloitte), liaised with recruitment representatives, and coordinated event logistics

PERSONAL

– **Technical Skills:** Familiar with Excel, PowerPoint, Bloomberg Terminal Services, Capital IQ, Refinitiv DataStream, FactSet, Visio, Jira

– **Languages:** Fluent in French (native), English

– **Interests:** Investing in Africa, culinary enthusiast, avid traveler (visited 16+ cities across North Africa, Europe, and North America), swimming, community involvement, soccer (fan of the Africa Cup of Nations, visited the Bernabéu Stadium in Madrid), thrill rides

– **Other activities:** VersaFi (formerly Women in Capital Markets), Ivorian Student Association Event Coordinator, Telfer Finance Mentor