

Meet the *Economists* ...

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Why did you decide to become an economist?

I really enjoyed studying economics at school, but never considered becoming an economist – which I think was because I didn't understand what an economist does! Towards the end of university, I applied for an internship at the RBA and started to understand what economists do. From there I decided it was something I wanted to try.

How did you become an economist?

At university I studied a double degree in law and commerce majoring in economics. This is a slightly different study route to many of my colleagues at the RBA, who studied straight economics degrees, but I'm quite glad I took the path I did. I think it was helpful to study broader degrees to help me work out exactly what my interests were, and what job might be the best fit for me. I also think it helped me to develop a broad range of skills (for example, my law degree emphasised clear writing), which I find useful in my job now.

What do you do from day to day?

My current role is in a team which looks at how Australian businesses and banks fund themselves by issuing bonds, securities or selling equity. Recently, the team has spent a lot of time thinking about how the policy responses to the pandemic impact these markets. I really like how a lot of this analysis ends up boiling down to the fundamental economic concepts of how the balance of supply and demand impacts prices.

What's the best thing about your job?

I love that my job is about asking and answering interesting questions, and that it means that you're always learning new things. It's also fantastic that you're surrounded by clever people who you can learn so much from, and who can help you to think about problems in new ways.

And when you're not at work?

I moved to Sydney for the RBA graduate program, and have been enjoying getting to know the city. It's a really fun place to live, and there are so many beautiful beaches and national parks to explore.

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