

Meet the *Economists* ...

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Why did you decide to become an economist?

I constantly find myself asking why and how. For example, how does the world work; why do people behave this way? I went to university to discover tools to help me answer these questions. Of the tools I learnt, economics was the most useful for answering these questions.

How did you become an economist?

I went to university to try to understand the world better. So I studied two general degrees simultaneously (a double degree). These were a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Commerce. It was my commerce major, Economics, which I found most interesting – I had never heard of economics before then. It was so interesting that I continued studying economics until I graduated with a PhD in the field.

What do you do from day to day?

My typical day involves thinking of interesting questions that are important to the RBA and Australia. I then come up with strategies to answer these questions and communicate the results to different people. This is fun because each question I ask and answer helps me understand people, businesses and governments a little bit better.

What's the best thing about your job?

Getting to ask and answer interesting questions is really fun. But doing this with interesting people is a true pleasure.

And when you're not at work?

If I am not at work you will probably see me at the beach. I grew up a long way from the coast, so I am making up for lost time.

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