

## Meet the *Economists* ...

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#### Why did you decide to become an economist?

Growing up, I became very interested in the challenges faced by developing countries. I remember reading about infrastructure investments, access to education and financial resources, and global trade, and wondering how I could one day contribute to such policy decisions. I could see how studying economics would give me the tools and background I needed to get involved.

#### How did you become an economist?

My undergraduate studies in economics were overseas. After working in consulting for a few years, I enrolled in the Master of Economic Analysis program at the University of Sydney and then joined the RBA's Graduate Program. My undergraduate degree was more foundational with a focus on political economy, while the master's was more quantitative, covering maths, statistics, modelling and policy analysis. I found this mix extremely helpful when I started working at the RBA.

#### What do you do from day to day?

My current role is to supervise financial market infrastructures (e.g. clearing houses) licensed to provide services in Australia. Their services are critical to the smooth functioning of financial markets, and the RBA plays a role in ensuring that they are operated in a way that promotes financial stability. Working closely with the rest of the team, my main tasks include monitoring the licensed entities' risk management activities, preparing reports, and meeting with their representatives or with regulators from foreign countries.

#### What's the best thing about your job?

I really enjoy the contribution I can make to policy discussions, both in Australia and overseas, as well as the opportunity to work with a great team at the RBA and externally. Being involved in these activities has allowed me to be part of decisions that matter for the stability of the Australian financial system.

#### And when you're not at work?

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with friends, listening to podcasts and training for ocean swims around Sydney. Over the years, these have been a regular feature of my summer activities.

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