



Rotman School of Management  
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

# Forté Fellow Lookbook

MORNING & EVENING MBA | FALL 2023



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**The Forté Fellows Program was created to increasing the number of women applying to and enrolling in MBA programs by offering fellowships to women. Rotman School of Management is a sponsor school of Forté Foundation and a strong supporter of women in business. To-date, Rotman has given \$7.5 million to over 250 Forté Fellows. In the Fall of 2023, Rotman has awarded Forté Fellowships to 15 talented women in the Morning / Evening MBA program.**



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# Sonali Dhapare

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Commerce  
MUMBAI UNIVERSITY INDIA

Chartered Accountant  
INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF  
INDIA, DELHI, INDIA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Senior Financial Analyst  
HOME DEPOT CANADA, TORONTO, CANADA

Manager, Finance  
LUPIN LTD, MUMBAI, INDIA

Sonali is a qualified Chartered Accountant and has had an opportunity to work with the CFO of Lupin Ltd early on in her career, and she was the youngest person selected for the role. She worked on various projects ranging from Investor Relations, ESG, Strategy Management and Manufacturing finance. The experience shaped her understanding of senior management, corporate policies and procedures and business strategies.

Sonali has recently moved to Toronto and works with Home Depot Canada as a Sr. Financial Analyst in their Decision Analytics team. She is fascinated by the CPG industry and aims to grow in this space.

Outside of work, Sonali has been an active member of ICAI Student body, hosting several student focused Seminars. In her own time, Sonali loves travelling, cooking and has a passion for trekking and hiking. In fact, she has hiked the Himalayas twice!

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# Chloe Flanagan

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Science in Marketing;  
Bachelor of Science in Supply Chain  
Management (Summa Cum Laude)  
**W.P. CAREY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, ARIZONA  
STATE UNIVERSITY, TEMPE, USA**

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Manager, Customer Base Marketing  
Strategy  
**ROGERS (SHAW) COMMUNICATIONS,  
TORONTO, CANADA**

Digital Marketing Analyst  
**SHAW COMMUNICATIONS, CALGARY, CANADA**

Chloe is an enthusiastic marketer, strategist, and team leader. She is passionate about developing creative solutions to complex business problems. Her experience includes five years in the telecommunications industry, where she currently develops marketing strategy and pricing for upsell, cross-sell, and hardware upgrade programs that increase revenue and ensure customer retention. Her background in digital analytics and data strategy contribute to driving positive results through continuous campaign measurement and optimization.

She gained two years of experience in branding, advertising, and social media in the publishing industry through her former position as the marketing and circulation manager of an award-winning Canadian magazine.

Chloe grew up in Alberta and she has traveled to many countries, building a love of experiencing international food and culture. She studied ballet for twelve years and she continues to enjoy dance-based fitness classes, fashion, and interior design.

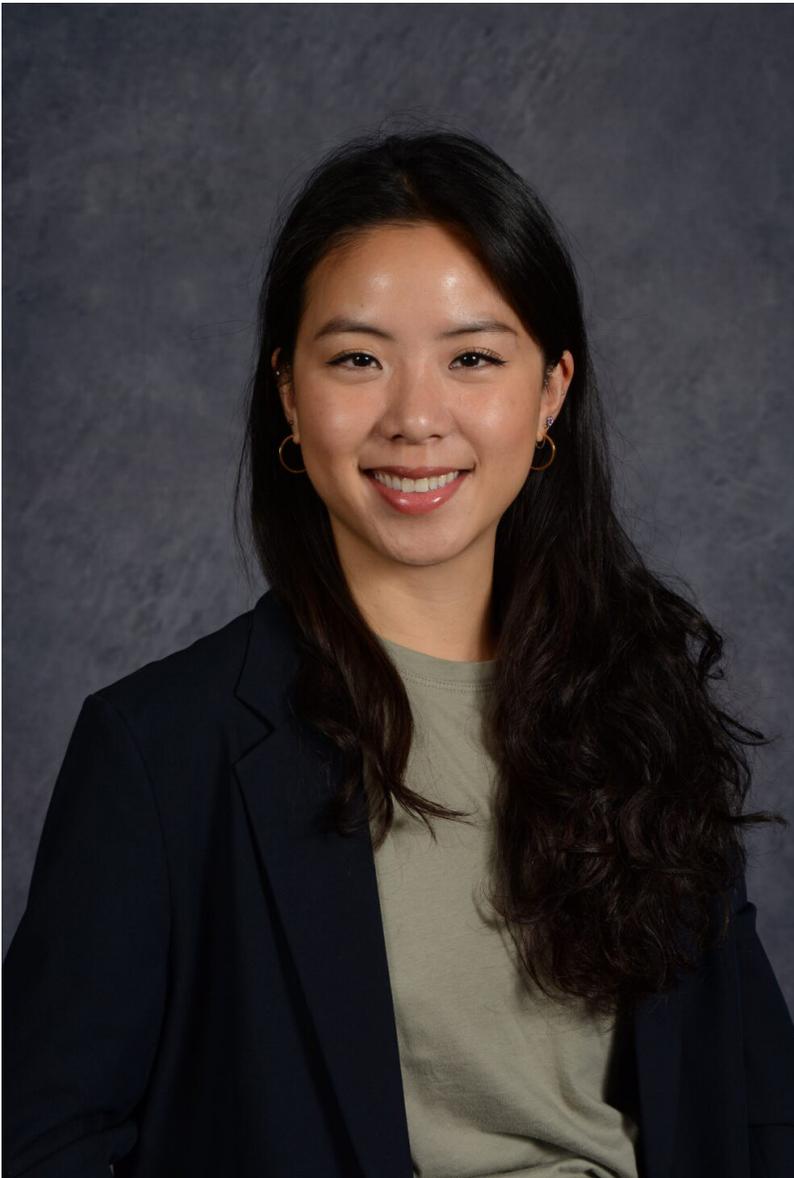
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# Gaby Lai

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Arts (Economics)  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL, CANADA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Product Marketing Manager  
PATSNAP, TORONTO, CANADA

Senior Associate Product Marketing  
Manager  
LVMH PERFUMES & COSMETICS, SHANGHAI,  
CHINA

With seven years of experience in product marketing, spanning CPG and luxury goods in the APAC region, Gaby has refined her skills in managing and developing high-growth product categories. Transitioning to the tech industry, she brings a genuine passion for leveraging AI products to make a positive impact.

Outside of work, Gaby finds fulfillment in applying her knowledge and experience to help others. During her time working in China, she volunteered at a holistic clinic and assisted in organizing trips to provide medical services to communities in need.

In her own time, Gaby enjoys simple pleasures like going on hikes with her dog, learning new artistic skills, appreciating movies, and experimenting with new recipes.

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# Vivian Mac

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Applied Sciences in Electrical Engineering (Distinction)  
UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO, CANADA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Engineering Assurance Analyst  
METROLINX, TORONTO, CANADA

Electrical Designer  
MULVEY AND BANANI INTERNATIONAL INC.,  
TORONTO, CANADA

Vivian is an Electrical Engineer, dedicated to promoting women in STEM. As part of her active volunteer work with the Society of Women in Engineering (SWE), she spearheads workshops designed to empower members, enabling them to refine their social skills and discover their unique voices. She has also taken on the role of moderator in SWE coffee clubs, skillfully guiding members through thought-provoking discussions that address common challenges faced by young professionals. Combining her business acumen with her technical expertise, she aims to play a pivotal role in society's advancements.

Outside of work, Vivian loves traveling and embracing new adventures, from enjoying scenic views parasailing in Maui to biking throughout the picturesque Wachau Valley. These diverse experiences not only offer a welcome escape from the daily routine but also ignite her curiosity and nurture an open-minded perspective.

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# Fariza Makhayeva

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Applied Science, Industrial Engineering  
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, CANADA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Senior Analyst - Mining  
BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP,  
TORONTO, CANADA

Senior Business Analyst  
HATCH LTD., MISSISSAUGA, CANADA

Fariza was born in Kazakhstan. Her early passion for science experiments and problem-solving led her to an engineering program at the University of Toronto.

She currently works at Boston Consulting Group providing technical and market expertise in Mining and Metals. Prior to BCG, Fariza contributed her skills at Hatch Ltd, where she supported clients in Mining and Metals on due diligence, financial modeling, and capital planning. Throughout her career, she is committed to fostering sustainability and social responsibility within the mining sector and aspires to become a future leader in the industry.

Beyond her professional life, Fariza is dedicated to helping newcomers in Canada. As a volunteer at TRIEC, she guides newcomers on their journey to finding employment and establishing networks.

Outside of work, she treasures moments spent with family and is nurturing her three-year-old daughter.

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# Cecilia Min

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Business Administration  
(Honours)  
UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR, CANADA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Finance and Business Intelligence  
Manager  
PAIN CARE CLINICS, TORONTO, CANADA

FP&A Manager  
ALTIMA DENTAL, TORONTO, CANADA

Cecilia has over 10 years of professional experience, spanning diverse areas within finance and business intelligence, including financial reporting, valuation, FP&A, and process improvement. Cecilia is passionate about integrating new technology into day-to-day corporate tasks. She has successfully launched process automation and Business Intelligence projects in several companies where she has worked, helping them save costs and improve efficiency in making sound business decisions. Cecilia is an empathetic leader who strives to build meaningful relationships with those she encounters at work.

Outside of work, Cecilia has a passion for outdoor activities like camping, skiing, and rock climbing.

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# Amanda Rochon

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Engineering Science  
(Civil Engineering)  
UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO,  
LONDON, CANADA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Civil EIT  
DILLON CONSULTING LTD, TORONTO, CANADA

Amanda has over four years of experience working in the transportation industry, specifically in highway design. As a woman in Engineering, she is passionate about creating a welcoming and inclusive work environment for all. Through her work as a volunteer and former Programs Director at the Society of Women Engineers Toronto, Amanda led a team that facilitated networking and professional development events for women engineers and allies to connect and grow in their careers. Amanda is excited to continue to grow her network, develop professional skills, and learn from her peers and faculty at Rotman. Outside of work and school, Amanda enjoys playing hockey and spending time with her friends, family, and dog.

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# Vivian Shen

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Commerce  
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, CANADA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Co-founder  
FLOWLINE INTERNATIONAL INC.,  
TORONTO, CANADA

Investment Associate  
NATIONAL BANK FINANCIAL WEALTH  
MANAGEMENT, TORONTO, CANADA

Vivian is the co-founder of Flowline, a revolutionary social commerce company that bridges influencers, creators, and businesses to create content-rich, experience-driven, and network-centric moments in consumers' everyday lives. In addition to her pivotal role at Flowline, she holds the position of COO at its subsidiary, Dealup, a B2C platform that curates a myriad of premium brands, offering a diverse selection of unbeatable value products.

At the core of Vivian's endeavors is a deep commitment to harnessing AI's potential in re-imagining the future of retail. She envisions live shopping as a platform for influencers to showcase products in action, creating an immersive buying journey. Parallel to this vision, she's dedicated to optimizing supply chain automation, ensuring not only efficient product delivery but also prioritizing sustainable choices, echoing the global call for a greener tomorrow.

Prior to these ventures, Vivian was recognized as an elite club investment associate in Wealth Management at National Bank Financial. She launched her professional journey with a Bachelor of Commerce from Rotman, specializing in Finance and Economics. Outside of her professional pursuits, Vivian is an avid tennis and golf enthusiast.

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# Advika Shukla

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Commerce (Distinction)  
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, CANADA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Associate  
CBRE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT,  
TORONTO, CANADA

Senior Analyst  
BROOKFIELD ASSET MANAGEMENT,  
TORONTO, CANADA

Advika's unwavering passion for growth and development is evident in her commitment to delivering exceptional results and fostering meaningful relationships that have substantially contributed to her journey. With a proven track record of excellence in the financial services and infrastructure sectors, she has cultivated a strong foundation during her tenures at CBRE, Brookfield, and KPMG. Advika brings a wealth of expertise in capital raising and stakeholder management.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Advika finds joy in a diverse range of activities and values continuous learning. Her positive spirit finds expression in her love for dancing, skiing, and exploring new horizons through travel.

Advika's multifaceted experiences and steadfast dedication underscore her role as a valuable asset within her workplace, community, and beyond, as she consistently strives for excellence and personal growth.

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# Laura Su

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Business Administration  
(Honours)

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO,  
LONDON, CANADA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Specialist, Loyalty & Retention Marketing  
BELL CANADA, TORONTO, CANADA

As a problem solver, Laura is passionate about leveraging creative ways to solve business problems. Laura has worked in both analytics and strategic roles in the telecom industry. She has held project manager roles in AI and data science teams, and supported fragile team establishment. Currently, Laura is working with the marketing team aiming to apply data analysis to the decision-making process. She has a life goal of bringing happiness to others, and she is working on pivoting her career into the entertainment and media industry. In her spare time, Laura enjoys traveling and playing tennis, or simply, a cup of tea.

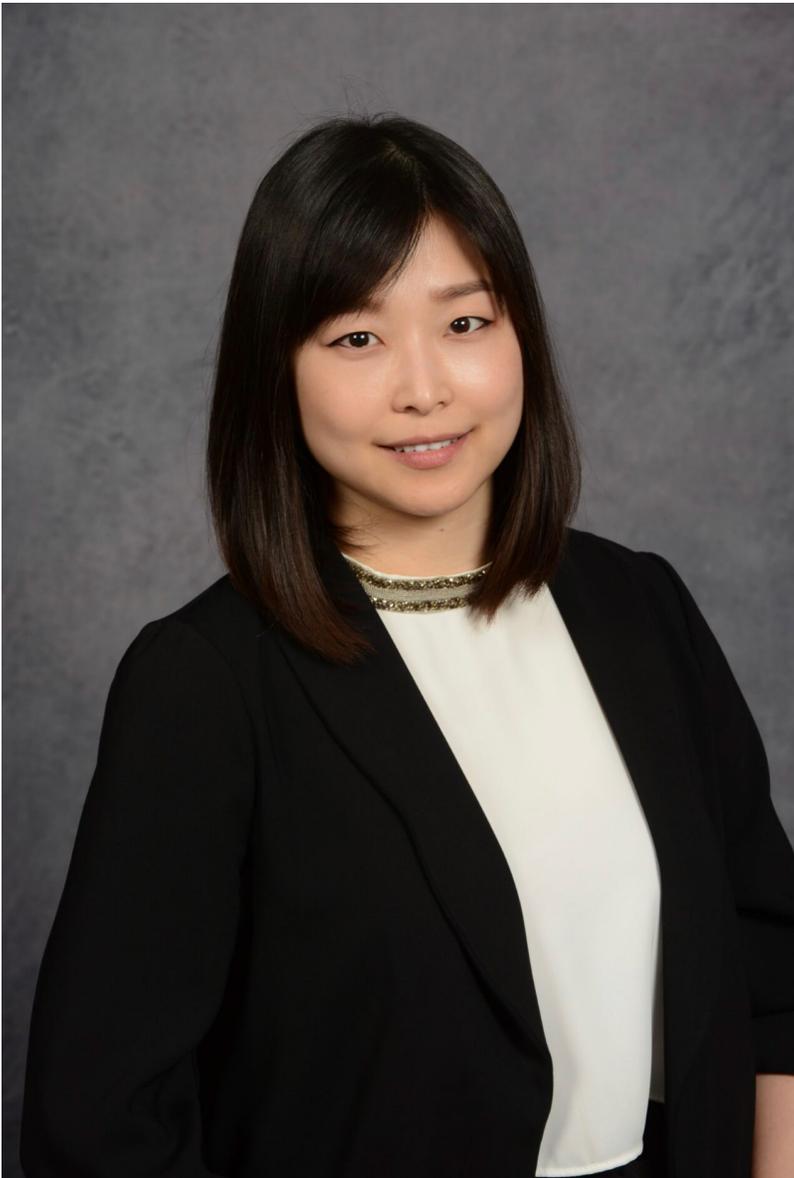
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# Toni Wang

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Business Administration  
(Honours)

UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR, CANADA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Senior Manager - FP&A, Personal and  
Business Banking

CIBC, TORONTO, CANADA

Senior Financial Analyst - Treasury COE

CIBC, TORONTO, CANADA

As an adventurous and open-minded young individual, Toni moved to Canada by herself at the age of 18 to pursue an undergraduate degree in Business Administration. Initially, the journey was overwhelmingly challenging due to language barriers and cultural differences. However, throughout her university life, she discovered how collaborative and supportive people could be, and how perseverant and resilient she could be.

With a passion for Accounting and Finance, she obtained her professional accounting designation in 2014 and has been in the banking industry for over eight years. She was assigned to an overseas project where she provided consultation and training to outsourcing partners to execute international operation strategy. In her personal life, Toni loves to seek adventures, such as skydiving and snorkeling. She also enjoys roller coasters and theme parks.

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# Agnes Wu

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Economy & Business English  
SICHUAN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY,  
CHONGQING, CHINA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Founder and Principal  
TORONTO ELITE SCHOOL, TORONTO, CANADA

Academic Cooperation Program Manager  
CHINA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY, SHENZHEN, CHINA

As a Chinese female who grew up in New Zealand since the age of 15, Agnes has found noticeable diversity and inequity among students in New Zealand and China. Influenced by Western teaching philosophies, she thoroughly understood that quality education of free-thinking, open-minded, and optimism, are deeply rooted in her career path.

At a very young age, she started her career in education with a strong focus on developing unique curriculums for students by combining the advantages of both education systems, and continuously improving this educational concept by merging Chinese and Western teaching philosophies. With a strong passion for education, in 2020, she started her own business and established the Toronto Elite School and a partnership with six learning centres in China and Southeast Asia.

As the principal and founder, Agnes has been successfully running the school for several years. She believes that the education we need is to influence the personal development of children and contribute to the community's cultural, ecological environment, and social influence.

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# Linda Zhao

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## **EDUCATION**

Master of Engineering  
UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,  
VANCOUVER, CANADA

Bachelor of Science in Electrical  
Engineering  
UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY, CANADA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Protection & Controls Officer  
HYDRO ONE NETWORKS, TORONTO, CANADA

Engineer in Training  
BC HYDRO, BURNABY, CANADA

As an electrical engineer, Linda is passionate about developing and implementing innovative solutions for a clean, accessible, and reliable power grid. With five years of experience across different roles in the electric power industry, Linda aspires to combine engineering and business knowledge to solve complex problems and drive sustainable transformations in the electricity sector. Linda became interested in renewable energy access from volunteering in Guatemala, where she helped build an off-grid photovoltaic system for a remote rural school. Throughout her career, Linda consistently volunteered in professional organizations such as IEEE and CIGRE to organize technical and networking events for young professionals. She hopes to act as a role model and help improve diversity in her industry. In her spare time, Linda enjoys hiking, playing board games, and trying new restaurants.

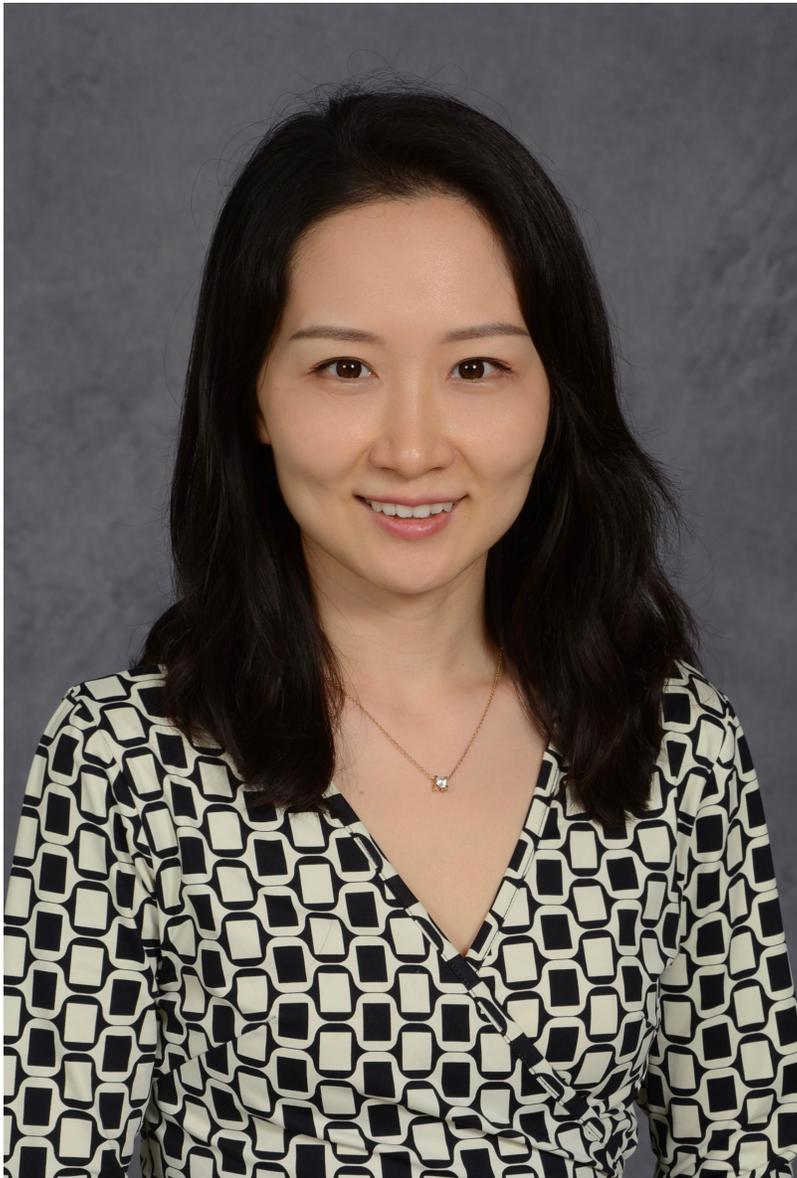
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# Hebe Zhou

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Arts (Double Major in  
Environmental Studies and Economics)  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, USA

Master of Public Administration  
(Environmental Science and Policy)  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, USA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Investment Analyst  
HARVEST GLOBAL INVESTMENTS,  
HONG KONG, CHINA

Equity Research Analyst  
HSBC, HONG KONG, CHINA

Originally from China, Hebe has worked in Hong Kong for eight years after graduation. Hebe is an experienced equity investment professional. Certified in CFA and CESGA, she is dedicated to sustainability and responsible investing. From her years living in Hong Kong, Hebe has developed a great passion for hiking, wake surfing, and snorkeling, and she wishes to learn to snowboard in Canada. Hebe has a dog (a Japanese Spitz) named Dafu which means fortune in Chinese and Mochi in Japanese because she's white and fluffy.

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# Anyi Zou

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## **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical  
Biochemistry (Honours)  
YORK UNIVERSITY, TORONTO, CANADA

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

Founder & CEO  
THE PET'S FAN LTD., TORONTO, CANADA

Head of Operation  
PAWSNATURAL, TORONTO, CANADA

Educated in Pharmaceutical Biochemistry at York University, Anyi's academic pursuits found harmony in the pet industry, culminating in The Pet's Fan Limited and initiatives like PawsNatural Pet Store. But beyond entrepreneurship, a defining passion lies in advocating for animals. Each year, Pet's Fan proudly donates to animal charities and facilitates pet adoptions. Anyi's pets are all adopted, reflecting her belief that those with the means should offer a loving home to the less fortunate. This principle, coupled with Anyi's professional journey, encapsulates her dedication to creating a hospitable world for furry friends.