

MY JOURNEY:

FROM CHINA TO QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

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MY NAME IS RORY CAO

I am from Guangdong Province. I heard about Queen's from one of my friends who was also applying for a Master's programme. She got an offer from Queen's and recommended Queen's to me.

I chose to study at Queen's because of the top rankings, high teaching quality, beautiful campus, city environment and lower cost of living. The programme also covered CFA exam content.

STUDYING AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

I studied MSc Finance.

The best part was the practical teaching, for example we had the trading room for tutorials. Lecturers used the Bloomberg terminals and other trading software to better enhance our financial knowledge and made us ready for a career in Finance.

I liked the Graduate School at Queen's University, which was the most frequent place I went to everyday. I also liked the PEC gym at Queen's University. I felt very fulfilled during my time at Queen's.



Analytics intern and 5 weeks in Shanghai as a Sales intern. I worked on 7 projects across different asset classes and sales related tasks, which really expanded my exposure to the real financial market and Bloomberg products. After the internship, I was returning to Belfast, when I received the call from HR offering me a full-time role. I was so happy that I got my dream job before I graduated.

MY GRADUATION

I graduated in December 2017. I wish I could have stayed at Queen's University for longer.



MY FAVOURITE MEMORY

There were so many unforgettable memories at Queen's University. One of my favourite memories was that night we represented Queen's University to win the championship of 2017 CFA Research Challenge in Dublin. We advanced to the European finals in Prague. That was my first time to compete at an international level with other top students from all over the world.

MY WORK PLACEMENT

I found a summer internship in Bloomberg in both Beijing and Shanghai offices during the summer holidays. I applied for the role and went through 9 rounds of interviews to get the internship. I spent 5 weeks in Beijing as an

TRAVELLING TO QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY FOR THE FIRST TIME

I travelled from Guangdong, China. I took a flight from Hong Kong to London and transferred to Belfast. It took me around 17 hours in total. The experience was so cool and I cannot tell you how excited I was when I first landed in the United Kingdom!



MAKING FRIENDS

When the new semester started, the University hosted a welcome event to welcome all new students. We were taught local traditional dances and we made friends from different countries. There are many holiday celebration events such as the Halloween party at the Students' Union, where we enjoyed good music and drinking with friends.

TRAVELLING OUTSIDE OF BELFAST

I have travelled to several countries during my Master's degree, such as Ireland, France, Germany, Czech Republic, Switzerland and Morocco. It was good for me to visit different places and experience different cultures. One of my favourite moments was riding on a camel in the Sahara desert!



SETTLING INTO BELFAST

Cost of Living

I lived in my friend's house in Lisburn (outside Belfast) so it saved me a lot in living expenses.

I cycled and took the train to the University everyday. It was a good way to exercise everyday. We lived in the beautiful countryside with lots of cows in the green fields.



MY ADVICE TO NEW STUDENTS

Subscribing to Queen's Wechat channel and joining the new student's Wechat group is a good start.

The greatest challenges were the language barriers and the different teaching methods. I joined some language clubs to improve my English.

Look for opportunities to get into conversation with people to improve your English skills and this will make you more confident and be more independent.



My Master's year at Queen's was very short, but I felt I have done so many things that I never expected. I am proud of myself for what I achieved. Every day at Queen's was meaningful. It helped me become a more independent person who can face all kinds of challenges. I made good friends, ate local food, travelled, studied well, successfully graduated with a distinction and obtained my ideal job. Everything is a result of working hard at university. I really appreciate every opportunity Queen's University provided me and all the time I spent at the lovely campus that made me a better and independent person.

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我的旅程

从中国 到英国女王大学

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去往女王大学的旅程

我从广东出发飞往贝尔法斯特，所以我可以从香港机场直飞伦敦然后转机到贝尔法斯特。总共花费17小时。现在还记得当我第一次踏上英国土地时是有多么地兴奋！

融入贝尔法斯特

生活成本

由于我住在我的朋友家，所以生活上节省了很大一笔费用。



我是曹芝烨

我来自广东省，我是从我一个朋友那儿了解到女王大学的，当时她也在申请英国研究生，她拿到了女王大学的offer然后分享并且推荐给了我。

我选择女王大学是经过仔细考虑后决定的，原因包括很高的排名，高的教学质量，美丽的校园和城市风光，高性价比，专业课程非常适合我并且包含CFA考试内容，可以同时体会英国和爱尔兰文化等等。

在女王大学的学习与生活

我的专业是金融学硕士。我的专业最棒的一点是实践性教学，我们不仅仅会有课堂上的授课，还会做实践性的项目。比如老师会在金融交易室对我们进行课外辅导，老师们都会用彭博金融终端和其他交易软件帮助我们更好地理解金融理论知识，让我们具备更好地求职能力。

我最喜欢的地方是学校的研究生院，这里我可以更加高效地完成我的学习和工作。研究生院的环境非常棒，据说是全世界排名第一的研究生院。我还喜欢的另一个地方是学校的健身房，学习和健身是我研究生阶段最好的两个伙伴。我的每一天都感到充实。



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出国旅行

在硕士期间，我在假期也去了多个国家旅游，包括爱尔兰，法国，德国，捷克，瑞士，摩洛哥等等。到不同的国度旅行对我来说是一件十分有意义的事，因为可以学习不同国家的文化和当地的事物。我最喜欢的回忆之一是在撒哈拉沙漠上骑骆驼！

给新生的建议

我希望我可以了解更多的信息在我出发去大学之前，比如住宿，校园环境等等，甚至是在去之前就能交到一些朋友。这样我到了之后就可以更快地开始



难忘的记忆

在女王大学有非常多难忘的记忆，其中最难忘的之一是我我和我的另外四个英国队友还有导师一起代表大学赢得CFA全球投资分析大赛爱尔兰地区冠军的那个晚上。在都柏林，我们打败了其他强大的大学竞争对手为女王大学赢得了第一个冠军奖杯，然后我们晋级到了捷克首都布拉格的欧洲决赛。这也是我第一次站在国际舞台上与来自世界各地的对手比赛。

实习与工作

我的硕士课程只有一年，所以没有包含实习项目，但是我自己申请了暑期实习，利用暑期时间到彭博公司北京和上海办公室进行了暑期分析师与sales的实习。申请这份实习来之不易，前后共经历了9轮面试才拿到了offer，后来5周在北京分析师部门实习，5周在上海销售部门实习，一共完成了不同资产类别与销售相关的7个项目，这段实习经历大大地增加了我对金融市场的了解和彭博产品的认识。实习结束，当我飞机降落贝尔法斯特，乘坐巴士回学校的路上我接到了HR的电话，她告诉经过10周的考核公司愿意offer我一个全职的岗位，“恭喜你！”。当时真的非常开心，能在毕业前就找到了理想的工作，一年前来到贝尔法斯特，一年后再次归途，我实现了当初立下的目标。

毕业的感受

我是2017年12月毕业的，毕业对我来说就是一年的太短了，我感觉还有很多东西我没有做就结束了，我很希望可以在Queen's待久一点！

- 2017 CFA全球投资分析大赛爱尔兰地区冠军
- 2017 CFA 考试奖学金
- 一等荣誉学位毕业



我在Queen's的硕士学年非常的短暂，但是我觉得我完成了非常多我从未预想过的事情。我为自己达成的成就感到自豪。在Queen's的每一天都很充实，这段旅程帮助我成为了一个可以独自面对各种挑战的更加独立的人。在这里交到的朋友，吃到的当地的美食，到不同国家的旅行，学习，毕业，到最后找到了理想的工作，这些都是在Queen's努力付出后收获到的。我真的跟感激Queen's给我的每一个提升自己的机会，感觉每一个在校园度过的瞬间，在这度过的一年促使了我成为一个更好，更加勇敢，全新的我。

新的生活。我觉得现在很方便，订阅Queen's的微信公众号或者微博，加入新生群就可以接收到很多有用的信息了。

对我来说刚到大学最大的挑战是语言上的障碍和不同的教学模式。我花了大概几个月才逐渐适应了新的语言环境，中间我还参加了大学里的语言社团，帮助我更快地提高了我的英文水平。

我建议学弟学妹可以在课外多参加一些其他活动认识更多的朋友和参与更多的对话来提高自己的英文技能，这样才能使自己更加的自信和变得独立。

