

Forsyth Barr Graduate Programme

Meet our Graduates

Akeira Worthington



Akeira joined our graduate programme in February 2022 after completing a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance and Economics at the University of Otago.

Akeira originally hails from Christchurch and outside of work she is passionate about running and hiking.

Why did you choose to work in the financial markets? And why at Forsyth Barr?

I was drawn to financial markets as it is a dynamic industry with a wide breadth of opportunities to support the investment decisions of all investors, from everyday New Zealanders, to large corporates and fund managers.

Forsyth Barr's graduate programme was particularly appealing for its accelerated professional development, with exposure to successful leaders and challenging opportunities. To me, this is a great opportunity for those leaving university to gain exposure to the varied functions of the financial markets to help them make an informed decision on their career pathway.

Tell us a bit about your journey at Forsyth Barr so far.

During the graduate programme I have been partnered alongside passionate and energetic people, allowing me to get involved in real projects. They have supported me in broadening my skillset and are always there to guide me in any way needed. You are encouraged to be inquisitive and for that reason I am constantly learning. I have gained unparalleled insight into financial markets and have found myself attending business conferences, client lunches and investment pitches.

Any advice for future applicants?

Here at Forsyth Barr, we value people with diverse experiences and inquisitive minds that are ready to embrace new challenges and opportunities. Be sure to showcase your unique skillset and perspective, and make sure to ask questions and stay curious as this is how you'll learn and grow.

Ben Crozier



Ben joined our graduate programme in February 2022 after completing a Bachelor of Science in Financial Engineering and a Masters of Applied Finance and Economics at the University of Canterbury.

Ben originally hails from Timaru and outside of work he enjoys playing golf and tennis.

Why did you choose to work in the financial markets? And why at Forsyth Barr?

The challenging, fast-paced and exciting nature of financial markets has always appealed to me. Prior to Forsyth Barr this stemmed from researching companies for my own portfolio, involvement in the University of Canterbury Investment Society, and the CFA research competition. While I had a passion and interest in the markets coming out of university, I was less certain where exactly in finance to forge a career. Forsyth Barr's graduate programme was an incredibly attractive opportunity, offering a unique and broad exposure to different areas of the investment world.

Tell us a bit about your journey at Forsyth Barr so far.

Having now been through four of the five rotations, I have developed a strong knowledge of how the different aspects of the financial markets work together to deliver solutions for companies and investors alike. Each rotation has been thoroughly enjoyable, with amazing exposure to company executives, knowledgeable and passionate co-workers who have taught me invaluable skills, while being intellectually stimulated and having my problem-solving skills continually challenged.

Any advice for future applicants?

To enjoy and get the most out of a career in finance you must have a real passion for the financial markets. The graduate programme is open to more than those who study finance at university. Instead, it is your interest in the markets and willingness to continually learn and develop that we value the most. You should also consider what makes you different from the rest, we are looking for exceptional candidates who will fit well in our firm and are always inquisitive. Finally, you must thrive on problem-solving, a variety of differentiated work, and being continually challenged in a fast-paced environment where you will be constantly learning.