

ZAKIYA SHARMEEN

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PROFILE

Final-year MSc Business and Finance student at Warwick Business School, graduating September 2026 with an expected Distinction. I have hands-on experience in financial modelling, capital structure analysis, and the preparation of pitch books and investment memoranda from a corporate finance internship supporting M&A and capital markets transactions. I am targeting debt advisory and capital solutions roles in London, and I am genuinely interested in applying my analytical and modelling skills within a team that advises clients across the full capital stack. Eligible to work in the UK from September 2026 on the Graduate Route — no sponsorship required for the first two years.

EDUCATION

Warwick Business School — MSc Business and Finance Sept 2025 – Sept 2026

Expected Grade: Distinction

Relevant modules: Investment Management · Corporate Finance · Financial Modelling · Derivatives & Risk Management

MIT World Peace University — BBA Finance · Pune, India June 2019 – June 2022

CGPA: 8.59 / 10 · Top 5% of Class

Relevant modules: Risk Management · Banking Law and Regulations · Principles of Economics

WORK EXPERIENCE

GTPL | Finance Analyst Intern Sept 2024 – Feb 2025

- Supported the execution of M&A and capital markets transactions for major corporate clients including Tata Steel and Jindal Group, conducting detailed financial analysis and capital structure assessments to evaluate financing options and support investment decisions.
- Built integrated cash flow models, DCF valuations and comparable company analyses to assess returns potential, optimal capital structures and downside scenarios — delivering findings to senior bankers ahead of live transactions and client discussions.
- Prepared pitch books, investment memoranda and financing summaries for senior review, covering transaction rationale, market and industry analysis, and capital structure recommendations across multiple concurrent mandates.

Atos | Associate Engineer — UK & Ireland Finance Office

Aug 2022 – June 2024

- Built advanced Excel dashboards (VBA, Macros) to track and analyse financial performance data across UK and Ireland accounts, improving reporting efficiency by 30% and demonstrating strong quantitative and modelling skills in practice.
- Reviewed and analysed monthly financial data for accuracy, producing clear performance reports and variance commentary for senior stakeholders — consistently meeting tight deadlines in a high-pressure environment.
- Worked cross-functionally with finance, legal and operations teams across UK and Ireland to maintain data integrity and resolve commercial issues, demonstrating the collaborative approach needed when working alongside advisors and specialists throughout complex processes.

SKILLS, CERTIFICATIONS & LEADERSHIP

- Financial:** Cash flow modelling, DCF valuation, comparable company and transaction analysis, capital structure evaluation, debt advisory concepts, investment memoranda preparation, pitch book and financing memoranda production
- Technical:** Advanced MS Excel (VBA, Macros, Pivot Tables), PowerPoint, Power BI, Word
- Languages:** English (fluent), Hindi (fluent), Urdu (fluent) — additional language advantage for advising clients across EMEA
- Certifications:** Wall Street Prep — Excel for Investment Banking; J.P. Morgan — Investment Banking Virtual Simulation (in progress)
- Leadership:** President, University Finance Club (100+ members); SPOT Award at Atos for excellence in financial reporting and analytics