Career Chat: OECD Young Associate Programme

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About me

- Economics BA, Graduated May 2020
- Hometown: Maywood, NJ
- UMD Activities: Federal Fellows, Revolutions Dance Ensemble, BA/MPP, Teaching Assistantships, FIRE Program, Instructor at OpenBarre
- Current Position: OECD Young Associate - Future of Work
• International organization headquartered in Paris, France
• 37 member countries
• Develops international standards and policy recommendations for member countries
• Works with the countries to meet provide research that is valuable to them
• Areas of research include: Tax, Trade, Education, Labor, etc.
Future of Work

• How have globalization and automation changed the labour market?
• How can we prepare the next generation of workers for the future labour market?
• How can we protect workers at risk of displacement?
OECD Young Associate Programme (YAP)

- 2-year program for recent graduates
- Preparation to post-graduate studies
- Two tracks: Junior Analyst and Junior Advisor
- 6-10 Young Associates per year
- Closely mentored by managers
How did I get here?

• FIRE Peer Mentoring
• Internships: Census Bureau, Coalition on Human Needs, Ben Cardin for Senate, IPSOS, NJ State Legislature
• Teaching Assistantships: ECON305 (Intermediate Macroeconomics) and ECON424 (Applied Econometrics)
• Federal Fellows
• BA/MPP
• SPP Study Abroad Program
If I could go back to freshman year...

• Find something that you are passionate about
• Say “Yes” to a variety of opportunities
• Take classes that teach transferable skills
• Get involved inside and outside of BSOS
• Take advantage of networking/mentorship opportunities