

Meet the *Economists* ...

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Why did you decide to become an economist?

Economists study how and why people make decisions. Since our society is made up of billions of people making hundreds of decisions every day, economics is a very useful and interesting skill set to have. I always enjoyed observing things in my life and trying to use an economic framework to explain them; for example, how people approach trying to get the best price when they are selling their house or how governments set different tax rates for different activities.

How did you become an economist?

I studied a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Sydney, majoring in economics and accounting. At University, I always enjoyed having lively arguments with my friends about the economics underlying events or peoples' decisions. That helped me to decide that I'd always be engaged as an economist, so I decided to pursue a career in the field. I joined the RBA because it is a great place to learn about many of the applications of economics to the real world and because I feel that it makes a positive contribution to Australian society.

What do you do from day to day?

One of the teams I have worked in at the RBA is Public Access & Education. This team creates economics resources, visits high schools to give seminars on the Australian economy and does research into the study of economics in Australian high schools and universities. I have also worked in the financial markets team in the RBA's International Department, where I was responsible for covering monetary policy at other central banks around the world. Work in this team was very fast paced and exciting because developments in financial markets tend to move pretty quickly.

What's the best thing about your job?

Since I began working at the RBA in 2017, I have had three very different roles. As a result, I have learned a lot about various areas of economics, financial markets and policymaking. Every day that I come to work provides an opportunity to learn something new and we can pursue research into things that we're interested in.

And when you're not at work?

Running around beautiful Sydney and listening to house and techno music.

Explore economics.



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