

Meet the *Economists* ...

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Why did you decide to become an economist?

My lecturer at university inspired me to study economics by introducing me to big-picture economics questions, such as: How do we measure social welfare? What value do we place on a clean environment? Economics also allowed me to apply maths and statistics skills to real-world problems.

How did you become an economist?

I first discovered economics as part of a commerce degree at university. I enjoyed it so much I decided to major in economics. During the course, I undertook an internship at the RBA, completed an honours year at university and then joined the Bank's Graduate Program. After a few years working as an economist, the Bank supported me to study a master's degree in economics at the London School of Economics.

What do you do from day to day?

I've had lots of different responsibilities as an economist at the Bank, including analysing wage growth in the Australia economy, forecasting consumer price inflation, analysing interest rates on business lending, and modelling hypothetical scenarios of how a shock to commodity prices would affect unemployment in Australia. In my current role, I research trends in economics education, as well as creating economics resources and presenting to high school students.

What's the best thing about your job?

I love thinking through questions and problems, coming up with a solution, and explaining it to others. Sometimes this has been working on a question from the Governor, and digesting data and research to provide information to the Reserve Bank Board. Recently, it has involved thinking through the best way to explain economic concepts. Helping students learn and find their career path is the best part of my job.

And when you're not at work?

I enjoy training for ocean swims (in summer!), painting, and practicing meditation. When I can, I travel to my favourite place in India, or to Hawaii to visit my brother.

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