

Bassel A.H.

(319) 777-1741 | Bhalawa4@gmail.com | [LinkedIn](#) | CFA Level 1 Candidate

EDUCATION

The University of Iowa -
Master of Finance, concentration in Quantitative Finance

Iowa City, IA
August 2023 - December 2024

Coe College
B.B.A and Economics

Cedar Rapids, IA
August 2019 - May 2023

The University of Edinburgh
Study Abroad

Edinburgh, Scotland
September 2022 - December 2022

Relevant Coursework

Corporate Financial Strategy, Corporate Investment and Financing Decisions, Financial Modeling and Firm Valuation, Portfolio Management, Quantitative Finance, Corporate Financial Reporting, Fixed Income Analysis, Data and Decisions, Derivatives, Equity Finance, Behavioural Finance and Market Efficiency, Investment Fund Management

EXPERIENCE

Innovative Engineers Inc. | Financial Analyst (part-time) | Iowa City, IA

August 2023 - December 2024

- Assisted in financial analysis for project proposals, aligning expectations and ensuring feasibility
- Implemented and tracked project budgets, monitored financial metrics, and supported cost analysis
- Collaborated with engineers and project managers to optimize resource allocation and improve budget accuracy

University of Iowa | Graduate Teaching Assistant | Iowa City, IA

January 2024 - December 2024

- Provided academic support for finance courses, ensuring the accuracy of instructional materials
- Led weekly review sessions and offered individualized guidance to students on complex financial topics
- Worked with faculty to organize and streamline course materials, ensuring consistency and clarity in content delivery

Hart Fund, University of Iowa | Fixed Income Analyst | Iowa City, IA

January 2024 - May 2024

- Oversaw a \$1M+ fixed income portfolio, analyzing MBS, U.S Treasuries, and high-yield bonds to track performance
- Evaluated portfolio positions and applied duration matching strategies to optimize returns and mitigate interest rate risk
- Delivered in-depth performance reports and risk assessments to board members, ensuring informed decision-making

Dave Wright Nissan Subaru | Sales Consultant | Cedar Rapids, IA

June 2022 - July 2023

- Cultivated rapport with clients, resulting in 70% rate in closed sales and heightened satisfaction
- Conducted proficiency in negotiation, problem-solving, and strategic prospecting through business communication
- Guided customers through agile sales process, leveraging strong teamwork and initiative to drive sales

Birkey Investment Fund, Coe College | Investment Research Analyst | Cedar Rapids, IA

August 2021 - May 2023

- Selected as an analyst for the Birkey Investment Fund, delivering research on equity and fixed-income investments
- Managed a \$500k endowment fund, analyzing market trends and evaluating securities to buy, sell, or hold positions
- Wrote and presented a detailed investment report to board members, leading to inclusion of TSM in the portfolio

IXL Center, Inc. | Consulting Associate Intern | Remote

October 2021 - December 2021

- Drove operational improvements for post-Covid-19 business recovery, driving a 500% increase in SEO efficiency
- Provided tailored consulting solutions for client growth opportunities, focusing on organizational scalability

Women Lead Change | Project Intern | Cedar Rapids, IA

June 2021 - September 2021

- Created and presented an investment policy statement to board members, outlining guidelines and objectives
 - Partnered with finance committee, integrating investment concepts and articulating strategic vision to board members
-

TECHNICAL SKILLS

MS Office, R, Python, VBA, Latex, Power Bi, Bloomberg, Factset, Morningstar, Financial Modeling, CRM Systems

CERTIFICATIONS

Management Consulting Level 1: Analyst (2021), Bloomberg Market Concepts (2024), Python for Finance (2024), Financial Modeling Foundations (2024)