

# KHUSHBOO THAKKAR

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## EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin	Master of Arts, Economics Overall GPA: 3.95/4.00	Expected May 2019
Madras School of Economics, Tamil Nadu, India	Master of Science, Financial Economics Overall GPA: 9.82/10	May 2016
Narsee Monjee College of Commerce & Economics, Maharashtra, India	Bachelor of Management Studies, Major: Finance Overall Percentage: 84.00	June 2011

## EXPERIENCE

<b>Shindewadi Mumbai Public School, The Akanksha Foundation</b> – <i>Teacher</i> ; Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	January – May 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Joined The Akanksha Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, as a mathematics teacher for the 7th grade students.</li><li>Designed lesson plans, class notes, weekly tests and assignments.</li><li>Volunteered to conduct classes on mental mathematics.</li></ul>	
<b>Madras School of Economics</b> – <i>Research Assistant for Dr. Saumitra Bhaduri</i> ; Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India	August – December 2017
<b>Paper Title:</b> Impact of investor sentiment on the cross-section of stock returns: Evidence from India	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Attempted to explore how investor sentiment affects the cross-section of stock returns in the context of an emerging market, India, given that emerging markets are culturally more prone to herd behavior and overreaction.</li><li>Implemented a dynamic factor model in line with the idea that aggregate investor sentiment is unobservable and can be captured as a common variation in a set of sentiment proxies.</li><li>Examined the asymmetric effect of aggregate sentiment on future stock returns.</li></ul>	
<b>J.P. Morgan Services India Private Limited</b> – <i>Senior Credit Analyst</i> ; Bangalore, Karnataka, India	June 2016 – July 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Undertook credit underwriting services for US corporate entities with annual revenues up to \$25 million.</li><li>Analyzed historical performance, debt service capacity, and past credit history, and conducted peer comparison, to arrive at a decision on how to meet the credit needs of the client and documented the same for review by senior credit approval officers.</li><li>Conducted annual reviews of all outstanding credit facilities, as a part of the Basel requirements.</li></ul>	
<b>DoLoop Technologies</b> – <i>Summer Intern</i> ; Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	June – August 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assisted in a project that involved building an asset performance and risk management product that would provide a fund manager or an investor with on-demand risk and analytical reports based on multiple market and portfolio data sources across all asset classes.</li><li>Evaluated ex-ante and ex-post portfolio measures and implemented the same for a portfolio of ten stocks.</li><li>Collected data on economic variables that would be relevant in developing an economic scenario generator.</li></ul>	
<b>Morgan Stanley India Pvt Ltd</b> – <i>Graduate Trainee</i> ; Mumbai, Maharashtra, India	November 2011 – July 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reconciled fixed income accounts with the custodian and handled NAV reconciliation for US, London, and Tokyo clients.</li><li>Assisted in a major project that pertained to shifting to a new trading system for fixed income brokers and traders.</li></ul>	

## HONORS

JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s 'Five Keys Recognition' award	May 2017
Gold medal, MSc Financial Economics, Madras School of Economics	September 2016
Fellowship for being amongst the top five students in all four semesters, Madras School of Economics	August 2014 – May 2016

## ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) Program Level I	December 2012
NCFM's Options Trading Strategies module; NCFM's Equity Derivatives; NISM's Currency Derivatives	December 2010 – March 2012

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Computer Skills:** MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Stata, R, CMIE Prowess.

**Languages:** Fluent in English, Hindi; Basic knowledge in French

**Interests:** Swimming, watching documentaries