

Maria Neill

MSc Finance & Trading Student

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

MSc Finance and Trading student at Queen's University Belfast, on course for a 2:1, building financial modelling and valuation skills alongside practical experience in financial reporting, reconciliation and stakeholder management gained through placement and previous employment in Belfast. Currently completing a dissertation applying DCF, relative and valuation methods to Meta Platforms Inc., having achieved 72% in AI and Trading and 67% in Financial Data Analytics. Confident in R and Excel for financial analysis and modelling, with developing working knowledge of Python and Bloomberg Terminal. Seeking a graduate role in financial advisory, investing that combines analytical thinking with commercial insight.

EDUCATION

Queen's University Belfast

MSc Finance and Trading 2025 - Present • Dissertation: Financial performance and valuation analysis of Meta Platforms Inc., applying DCF and relative multiples valuation across bear/base/bull scenarios to produce a probability-weighted fair price (in progress; initial presentation, weighted 30%, awarded 66%). • Completed modules: AI and Trading (72%), Financial Data Analytics (67%), International Finance, Advanced Data Analytics, Financial Market Structure, Derivatives. • In progress: Asset Pricing and Foundations of Risk Management (Completion December 2026).

Queen's University Belfast

BSc Business Management with Placement (2:1) • Applied qualitative and quantitative analysis to real business problems, summarising and presenting findings in Excel-based reports. • Led a group consultancy project supporting a local business's digital transformation, managing client relationships and aligning recommendations with commercial objectives. • First Class in Accountancy and Data Analysis modules.

Dominican College Fortwilliam

A-Levels 2022 - Sociology (A), Mathematics (B), Geography (B)

EXPERIENCE

Placement | Unitrunk Head Office, Lisburn

August 2022 - August 2023 • Used the Epicor MRP system to coordinate logistics tasks, including part-list creation for factory dispatch to depots across the UK and Ireland. • Coordinated lorry and stock bookings, adjusting schedules in response to changing operational demands. • Communicated lead times and resolved delivery queries with depots, strengthening cross-team coordination. • Processed and reconciled weekly invoices, identifying and reporting discrepancies to management and the accounts office.

Accounts Assistant | Mercedes Benz Truck and Van, Belfast

February 2025 - September 2025 • Process over 100 purchase ledger invoices and credit notes daily on Kerridge, verifying and sorting documentation into the correct department codes to ensure payments are made on time. • Reconcile over 70 supplier and customer accounts, plus petty cash, resolving queries from internal and external stakeholders via email and telephone. • Raise, process and authorise payments — including refunds, cashbacks, goodwill gestures, settlements and vehicle purchases — in line with company policy. • Generate registered document reports across departments and print and file bank statements daily to maintain timely payment processing and month-end reporting. • Process cheque journal payments and

BACS runs of over £100K, ensuring accurate allocation and producing remittance advice for customers. •
Handle telephone and card payments for sales ledger accounts and open new accounts on request from departmental managers, maintaining data accuracy across multiple payment channels.

SKILLS

Financial & Analytical: Financial modelling and valuation, data-driven decision making, reconciliation and reporting, market and sector research, risk awareness Technical: R Studio, advanced Microsoft Excel, Microsoft 365; developing knowledge of Python and Bloomberg Terminal Professional: Stakeholder management, attention to detail, time management, teamwork, problem-solving, communication

INTERESTS

Finance and Trading Student Representative (2025 - 2026) Member, Queen's Geography Association (2018 – 2020)