

## **Meet Kristen**

Meet Kristen – Graduate

Hi, my name is Kristen and I'm a 2023 grad, as well as a 2022 intern. A little bit about me, I studied Mechanical Engineering at UVA and then I ended working in finance, or I guess doing this internship after my third year of college after I'd done an internship in engineering and didn't love it as much.

One thing that I struggled with starting out was my confidence because I felt like not having studied finance was a shortcoming, but I realized that a lot of people value that actually at the bank because they value people of all different backgrounds.

For me, having an engineering background, I feel like I have more technical lens so I like to look at things from a more numerical and math perspective, whereas somebody in finance might look at a more macro perspective. So, I think being able to work alongside people of different backgrounds definitely helps broaden your view but also you all work better together.

#LifeAtHSBC

Opening a world of opportunity