

# Saanvi Hissaria

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## EDUCATION

**Barnard College, Columbia University** | New York, NY

*Expected December 2026*

*Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Mathematical Sciences*

**GPA: 3.75/4.00**

*Relevant Coursework: Micro+Macro+Financial Economics, Probability & Stats, Linear Algebra, Applied Statistical Computing*

**Academic Honors and Awards:** Dean's List, National Honor Society - Phi Beta Kappa (First-Year Academic Success)

**Margaret Kenney Jensen Prize** - Awarded to a freshman for excellence in mathematics; received for outstanding performance in Calculus III

**University College London** | London, United Kingdom

*September 2025– December 2025*

*Study Abroad Affiliate in Economics - Junior Year Erasmus Program*

## EXPERIENCE

**Behavioral Research Lab, Columbia Business School** | New York, NY | *Incoming Data Analyst*

*September 2025 – December 2025*

**Eleven Homes** | New York City, NY (Remote) | *Founder's Intern*

*July 2025 – August 2025*

- Engineered the firm's first semantic analysis engine to evaluate 950+ LinkedIn posts from 100+ American wealth managers, surfacing 26 high-engagement phrase patterns, and 40+ event linkages to map distribution trends across the wealth management ecosystem
- Translated insights into a data-driven distribution strategy for the Founder, tripling institutional outreach and targeting wealth managers / prospective clients, collectively overseeing \$150B+ AUM to shape early-stage growth and strategic capital partnerships

**Columbia Business School Undergraduate Research** | New York City, NY | *Economics Research Assistant*

*January 2025 – May 2025*

- Built a proprietary dataset from 1,500+ LA wildfire-related school closure SCQAMD reports to evaluate the financial resilience of 51 Bay Area school districts, identifying risk factors with direct implications for municipal credit quality and long-term capital planning
- Produced investment-focused analyses on climate adaptation costs and funding gaps affecting districts serving 50,000+ students, informing ~\$120K worth of asset allocation views on municipal bonds, endowment portfolios, and ESG strategies

**Citadel Securities Trading Challenge** | New York City, NY | *Selected Trader*

*October 2024*

- Placed 2nd team out of ~4,000 participants by delivering a risk-adjusted portfolio 11% above field average through differentiated equity theses, macro overlays, and disciplined portfolio scenario modeling
- Co-developed a cross-asset risk management framework integrating beta limits and sector concentration caps on 3 test datasets, reducing drawdowns by 8% and enhancing capital preservation under volatility, ultimately influencing best-practice guidelines adopted across teams

**India Infoline Finance Ltd.** | Mumbai, India | *Alternative Research Summer Analyst*

*June 2024 – August 2024*

- Designed Sector Rotation and Return Seasonality strategies on 2020-2024 macroeconomic trends, developing sector correlations & cumulative capital flows across 8 sectors, and identifying \$2.5M in alpha-generating opportunities with a 15% annualized return potential
- Spearheaded momentum research for a pair trade strategy (long Nifty50, short Nifty Midcap Select 25), leveraging NSE Alpha 50 and Nifty 200 Momentum 30 data to forecast a 20%+ decline, guiding \$8M in portfolio hedging decisions

## LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

**AI in Finance Think Tank** | New York, NY | *Managing Director*

*March 2025 – Present*

- Led four 90-minute due diligence-style workshops for 21 students, partnering with faculty to integrate AI-driven economic forecasting tools into financial research, earning an average rating of 4.7/5 from post-workshop faculty surveys
- Successfully pitched an AI-agrochemical stock to 200+ attendees representing over 20 clubs at Columbia's invite-only Finance Showcase and engaged them with a dynamic Q&A through leveraging macroeconomic analyses and AI analytics

**Columbia Economic Review** | New York, NY | *Researcher*

*September 2024 - Present*

- Contributed to the oldest undergraduate economics journal in the U.S. by publishing 12+ research articles on latest macroeconomic trends, from interest rate cuts to varying regional tariff impact, reaching 150+ global readers and shaping economic discourse
- Engaged 250+ students in cutting-edge economic policy discussions by leading content development, producing 18+ monthly analyses, and organizing 6+ speaker events

**The Women's Network @ Columbia University** | New York, NY | *Treasurer*

*October 2024 – Present*

- Co-managed a \$50K+ annual budget across 120+ intercollegiate chapters, implementing a streamlined reconciliation process that reduced discrepancies by 30% and ensured precise fund allocations to support diverse chapter initiatives
- Strengthened intercollegiate operations by processing 20+ weekly budget requests, fostering seamless communication with chapter leaders, securing 95% on-time funding approvals, and increasing event participation by 15% through enhanced programming

## PROJECT

**Sector Rotation: Mitigating Portfolio Deviation & Enhancing Returns**

*2024*

- Engineered a dynamic Sector Rotation strategy on 24 years of macroeconomic sectorial data, reallocating capital across top 3 heavyweight stocks in 8 major sectors based on momentum signals & hedging with Nifty 50 Futures; delivering 15% annualized alpha on a \$5M portfolio
- Optimized expiry week positioning by leveraging structural market inefficiencies, achieving 6% average monthly returns & 77.46% maximum upside, while implementing 3% stop-loss to reduce portfolio deviation from Nifty 50 index by 25% amid volatile economic cycles

## SKILLS, ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

**Technical Skills: Java, C++, R, Matlab, Python, N8N**

**Certifications:** Securities Industrial Essentials (FINRA), Bloomberg Market Concepts, HelloHive Finance Bootcamp

**Activities:** Peer Tutor (Economics & Mathematics), Columbia Alpha Partners (Trading Challenge Participant), Barnard Student Government Association

(Campus Life Committee Member), The Women's Network @ Columbia University (Marketing Lead), Athena Center ADDA UI/UX Design Program

**Interests:** Micro-collections (African Cards, one-liners from the two kids I babysat, chessboards, untranslatable phrases from travel, Rubik's cubes, colorful stationery)