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# Business Australia 2025



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# Thank you for hosting us!



## **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**

The University of Washington (UW), commonly referred to as Washington or informally UDub, is a public research university in Seattle, Washington, United States. Founded in 1861, UW is one of the oldest universities on the West Coast.

## **FOSTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

The Michael G. Foster School of Business at the University of Washington consistently ranks among the top business schools in the United States — for both undergraduate and graduate degrees. The Foster School serves more than 2,500 students. It was founded in 1917. The school has more than 50,000 alumni, and is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The school offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

## **BUSINESS AUSTRALIA: BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, & SOCIETY EXPLORATION SEMINAR**

An exploration seminar is a short-term faculty-led study abroad program. The students participating in this Business Australia exploration will explore the intersection of business, government and society in the region. Our program will run from Saturday, August 23 through Sunday, September 14, 2025. The 2025 Business Australia Exploration Seminar cohort comprises 23 people, including Faculty Director Tod Bergstrom, Staff Director Eileen Guo, and 21 undergraduate students.

The students will visit a wide variety of companies, focusing on prominent Australian industries such as tourism, technology, and sustainability. Our group will meet with executives in large and small firms in Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, and Cairns to learn firsthand about the dynamic challenges and successes faced by each organization. We will spend time with US firms with Australia operations as well as Australian firms which export around the world.

Thank you so much for hosting us. We're so excited to visit you this year!

# Business Australia Program Directors

## Tod Bergstrom, Faculty Director



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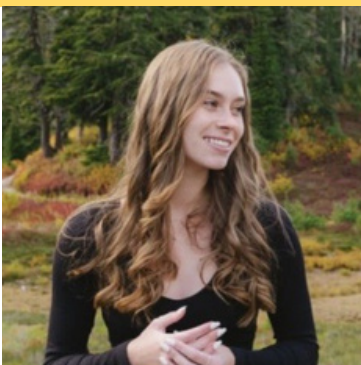
# Business Australia Student Participants

## Tate Nelson



Tate Nelson is a rising senior studying Information Systems and Marketing at the University of Washington Foster School of Business.

## Ava Euverman



Ava Euverman is an incoming Sophomore at the University of Washington, Foster School of Business. She is specializing in Accounting and Entrepreneurship. She is originally from both Bellingham, WA and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Additionally, she is a very sports-oriented person. She was a gymnast, competitive cheerleader, track and field athlete, and has participated in many other sports throughout her life as well. She is also a very big ice hockey fan and her favorite team is the Vancouver Canucks. She has never been to Australia before and is very excited for everything that she is going to learn along the way.

# Business Australia Student Participants

## Kandace Bui



Kandace Bui is a senior at the Foster School of Business studying Marketing and Information Systems. She is passionate about digital marketing, social media marketing, and consulting services for small businesses. In her free time, she enjoys lifting, thrift shopping, and going on walks.

## Eileen Chang



Eileen Chang is a junior at the University of Washington, double majoring in Economics and Informatics. She is from Seattle, Washington, and in her free time she likes to go to concerts, shop, and try new foods.

## Sumedh Chinta



Sumedh Chinta is a second-year student at the University of Washington's Foster School of Business studying Finance, Information Systems, and Entrepreneurship. He loves producing music in his free time, which led him to fall in love with brand-building and business strategy as he grew his audience. Now, he is passionate about careers in investment banking and private equity. He is extremely excited to meet inspiring leaders in Australia.

## Lee Culwell



Lee Culwell is a senior at the University of Washington, majoring in Communications with a minor in Business Administration.

# Business Australia Student Participants

## Liam Flaskerud



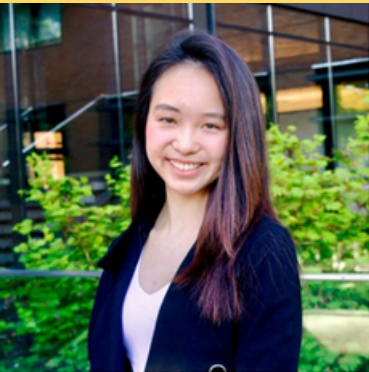
Liam Flaskerud is a third-year Accounting and Finance student. He has a keen interest in financial derivatives and risk management. He aims to merge his academic pursuits with personal interests to make a meaningful impact in both the financial world and the community.

## Jehan Hashi



Jehan Hashi is a rising junior at the University of Washington studying Communication. She is a Somali-American woman who has always had a strong passion for community-building, culture, and politics. In her junior year of high school, she took an introductory communications course and became interested in how communication can impact lives. After graduation, she plans on working in the public relations sector, ideally for a non-profit or marketing agency.

## Flora Huang



Flora is a fourth year accounting student at the University of Washington's Foster School of Business aspiring to complete the Master of Science in Taxation at Foster. With a strong academic foundation and a passion for tax, she has interned at Moss Adams in Summer 2025 and will intern at Ernst & Young in Summer 2026. Born and raised in Canada and now based in the US, Flora is committed to continuous personal and professional growth as she builds her career in tax and public accounting.

## Connor Kirk



Connor is a sophomore planning to study finance and pursue a career in investment banking. His interests include piano, football, golf, baseball, and computer science. He also loves to ski and wakesurf and is a big traveler and adventurer.

# Business Australia Student Participants

## Dana Moriguchi Loui



Dana Moriguchi Loui was born and raised in Seattle, WA (Beacon Hill). Dana is going into her third year at the UW Foster School of Business. Since the age of 14, she has worked in the finance department for her family's Asian grocery store business. She has an interest in consulting, finance and marketing with a strong passion of being a woman in business and increasing DEI. Dana actively contributes to leadership positions in Foster Undergraduate Diversity Services programs and her Multicultural Greek Council organization, Sigma Psi Zeta. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering at community events and updating her food & travel Instagram account.

## Coket Mengesha



Coket Mengesha is a rising junior at the University of Washington studying Information Systems and Operations & Supply Chain Management. She has experience in project management and event planning, and is passionate about building community and finding simple ways to make things run smoother.

## Celina Mu



Celina Mu is a second-year student at the University of Washington's Foster School of Business, majoring in Accounting on a pre-law track, and minoring in English. She is working as a legal intern at a local Seattle law firm specializing in estate planning and administration, real estate, and business law.

## Kelan Palmer



Kelan Palmer is a second-year student studying Finance and Information Systems at the University of Washington Foster School of Business. With experience at Raymond James, he has developed a strong interest in Wealth Management and aspires to help individuals and families grow and preserve their financial assets. He looks forward to connecting with professionals in Australia and broadening his perspective on international business practices.

# Business Australia Student Participants

## Henry Stickel



Henry Stickel is a second-year student at the Foster School of Business who is also pursuing a degree in applied mathematics. Henry was born and raised in Seattle and is well-travelled for his age, having visited 10+ countries.

## Rijah Taher



Rijah Taher is a rising sophomore student in the University of Washington at the Foster School of Business. She hopes to study Information Systems and Marketing.

## Aaron Ton



Aaron Ton is an incoming sophomore pursuing a double major in Human Resource Management and Information Systems at the University of Washington's Foster School of Business. He is in the Interdisciplinary Honors program and learning to code in Java, Python, and R. Aaron is an active member of Husky Run Club, serving as the club's technology coordinator. In Australia, Aaron is keen to explore various fields of business, technology, and combinations of the two, particularly anything HR, IT, or management-related.

## Estella Turla



Estella Turla is an incoming senior at the University of Washington studying Information Systems and Marketing. She is passionate about cybersecurity and storytelling, and recently completed a technology risk internship at EY. A dedicated leader within the business school, Estella serves as a mentor for the Undergraduate Diversity Services and is the incoming Vice President of the Asian Business Student Association. Outside of academics, she enjoys exploring the fashion world, is a proud cat mom, and loves to travel—after Australia, she plans to visit Bali or stay with family in the Philippines!

# Business Australia Student Participants

## Lorraine “Khazzi” Villanueva



Lorraine "Khazzi" Villanueva is an incoming third-year student at the Michael G. Foster School of Business, pursuing a double major in Marketing and Information Systems, with a minor in International Studies of Southeast Asia. Born in the Philippines and raised in Bremerton, Washington, Khazzi is passionate about sports marketing and currently serves as a Marketing Gameday & Fan Engagement Intern for UW Athletics. Khazzi aspires to build a career with organizations like the NBA, NFL, Nike, or Adidas—combining her creativity with a commitment to equity and inclusion.

## Shiarina Wang



Shiarina Wang is a junior from Kaohsiung, Taiwan, majoring in Accounting and Information Systems with a minor in Data Science at the University of Washington. She is passionate about pursuing a career as an external auditor. Over the summer, she interned at Deloitte Seattle as an Audit & Assurance intern, where she assisted in auditing client financial statements, transactions, and internal control processes. This is her first time in Australia, and she's super excited to experience both the business world here and, of course, the Koalas!

## Dylan Wong



Dylan Wong is a student at the University of Washington who intends to major in Business and Economics. He is involved in corporate banking and consulting clubs on campus, and is currently planning to pursue a career in consulting in the future. Dylan also participated in a "Bridge to Consulting" program by the Boston Consulting Group and interned at a company called Noteefy in the summer, honing skills in financial analysis and marketing. In his free time, he likes exploring new places, watching movies, and playing tennis.