

## Economics Student Profile - March 2017

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I am currently in the fourth year of my Economics major and Psychology minor at Memorial University of Newfoundland. Throughout the three-and-a-half years that I have completed, I have been captivated, not only by the course material itself but also by the incredibly friendly, open, and available staff at the Department of Economics. My professors vary from an eccentric macroeconomist who seems to feel monetary policy is more riveting than the next hit TV show (and surprisingly, convinces you to feel the same way), to the labour market specialist who has a quirky way of talking and is full of fun facts. The professors are always willing to answer questions and feed the students who hunger to know more. Given this environment, school has slowly evolved into something enjoyable, instead of it feeling like work. Learning the material is enjoyable, and feeds my passion for the discipline.

My positive experience in economics has motivated me to seek more opportunities outside of the classroom. This would include, for example, working with Dr. Fang, the Jarislowsky Chair in Cultural and Economic Transformation, working with Dr. Fang has allowed me to get some real world research experience in the field of Labour Market Economics, an area that has been one of my biggest interests from the moment I took my first Labour Market Economics course. The experience that I am gaining from working on the Jarislowsky Chair is remarkable. I am learning a lot about the publication and the process of research. The research team that I worked on is incredibly helpful in teaching me the process. I have also been given the opportunity to work at the Economics Help Centre, which has further reinforced my career goals of becoming a professor.

For my future, I am planning to do my Masters of Arts in Economics next fall. During this time, I would like to explore my ever-growing research interests in different branches of Economics in the hopes of discovering the one that best matches my aspirations. I want to work toward my dream job of becoming an Economics professor. I have always believed that having a strong work ethic is important in life. I would like to end with my favourite quote, from Mark Twain:  
“Don’t go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.”