

## Chase your Dream Career *by Carter Chan*

I believe job hunting is a painful process for most students who want to be successful in their future careers. By taking the time to plan for your career now, you increase the chances of getting the job you want, but we may also ask ourselves a question, how can we enrich our CV profiles to stand out from the crowd and secure our job offers? Perhaps I can share my personal experiences and thoughts in building my future career:

### Join Business Competitions to Kickstart Your Career

I think joining the business competitions is one of the critical elements for building your future career, especially if you are a junior, you may chance to meet and interact with representatives from different corporates, while those experiences allow you to demonstrate your passion for working in particular industries or job positions to your future employers.

KPMG Business Administration (BA) Paper was one of the business case competitions that I joined in 2019 and successfully became the semi-finalist. This competition is one of the largest international business plan writing competitions annually organised by the Hong Kong Federation of Business Students. This year's theme was "Risk Transformer", so my team used a virtual banking case study to predict and analyse several future business risks in the Hong Kong business market, after which we presented a report to a group of judges. This experience instilled in me the value of effective teamwork while helping me showcase my critical thinking skills as well as boosting my financial knowledge.



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<https://www.hkfbs.org.hk/home?page=4>

Another competition that I joined was Top100 Future Leaders Competition 2022, the competition has been organized in Australia since 2014, and the year 2022 is also the first year that was organized in Hong Kong, I felt incredibly honored to be recognized as one of the Hong Kong Top100 Future Leaders in 2022. Throughout the whole competition, I can get to know more about other Future Leaders from different universities with impressive backgrounds, and I also got a valuable opportunity to network with recruiters from Standard Chartered Bank, so the competition provided me a platform to widen my horizon and expand my professional network.



### **LinkedIn is Your Good Friend**

Perhaps there's a lot of confusion relating to LinkedIn, some people may think it is a social media network like Instagram and Facebook, while others see it as a job board. Once you have set up your profile on LinkedIn, you can receive notifications on recommendation jobs based on your preferences, so it saves your time in searching for new jobs on the internet. On the other hand, I think LinkedIn has another powerful function, Browsing Profiles. Since sometimes I might also feel confused about how to make the best career choice for myself, LinkedIn is exactly providing me a platform to see others' career paths by viewing their profiles, especially what kind of qualifications or working experiences they have, which gives me a reference for how to build up my career path and what kind of possible career options I might have in different career stages.

### **Trial And Error is Your "Great Teacher" for Findings Jobs!**

Regardless of whether you are looking for an internship or position, it is never an easy task, sometimes you may need to face uncountable failures throughout different interview processes. I still remember the time when I sent my resume out to more than 40 positions and only a few of them had updates. Receiving rejection letters from different companies brought me a very hard feeling at the beginning and I was quite demotivated. However, as I started reflecting on myself, I saw some things that could be improved on my performance every time. This mentality and mindset have guided me on the right path and successfully landed an internship.

Failure is the mother of success! I think the best way to learn how to ace different interviews is to learn from the mistakes, each mistake gives you room for improvement on how to perform better next time. Maybe one day you will suddenly receive a call from HR to congratulate you on getting the job offer, and you may appreciate all the past mistakes. Life is about learning, isn't it?

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**Memories:**



**Internship at Wealth and Personal Banking,  
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Corporation Limited (HSBC)**



**Internship at RISK Operational Risk Management APAC,  
BNP Paribas**