



Leading Across Cultures

NBS ALUMNI GLOBAL EXPERIENCES



UNITED KINGDOM



“HAVE AN OPEN MIND, THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES MIGHT NOT BE WHERE YOU THOUGHT THEM TO BE.”

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Why United Kingdom?

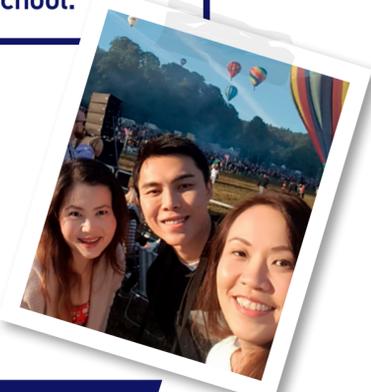
I was offered a role in Lehman Brothers in Wall Street, New York in 2006 but I chose to accept an offer made by Barclays in London. The role was more aligned with my aspirations, UK is considerably closer to family in Asia, and I was more than excited to experience life in Europe.

The job search

Every new graduate goes through a daunting experience when looking for their first job! Preparation for interviews and rapport with interviewers are key. I was fortunate to have options as I received four offers before graduating from Nanyang Business School and two offers before graduating from Columbia Business School.



Pro Tips



Living in London

- In Western culture, people really want to know your opinion. Challenge/debate with them frequently. Make yourself heard.
- Even if you have no friends, you will quickly learn through new experiences when you are receptive to differences.
- Persevere and know that things will always get better once you are more familiar with the environment and people.
- London is a melting pot of diverse nationalities and diverse views. It is a very tolerant society, and people seldom judge what you do, or how you do it.
- A great work-life balance with dynamic teams. One is encouraged to work from home as family time is considered valuable.

Working in London

- I have an interesting job which allows me to travel and connect with industry players globally. Since July 2007, I have been Vice President Barclays Bank (UK). Having changed careers, industries, roles and countries over the years, a job is really what you make of it.
- An overseas stint will make you more marketable thanks to your ability to understand and appreciate varied work cultures.
- Network, network, network—I always learn something new when I talk to colleagues and industry friends.
- Understand different work cultures—they vary across countries, even in the same organisation.



Most sought-after characteristics in the workplace

- Resilience and tenacity. Determination and persistence in overcoming challenges. Willingness to live and work abroad.

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