

SOPHIA BESSLER

BSc Economics Student | Aspiring Finance & Investment Professional

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PERSONAL PROFILE

Economics student with strong quantitative and research skills, combining financial modelling, valuation and regression analysis with hands-on experience producing data-driven financial and economic research. Proficient in Excel-based DCF modelling, Python and R for statistical analysis, with a Microsoft Azure AI Fundamentals certification reflecting comfort with modern data and analytics tools. On track for a First-Class Honours degree.

EDUCATION

University of Surrey, UK BSc Economics (expected 2028 graduation)	2025 – 2028
Kantonsschule Auserschwyz, Pfäffikon SZ, Switzerland Swiss Matura	2021 – 2025

SKILLS

- **Financial:** Financial modelling, DCF valuation, financial statement analysis (Excel)
- **Quantitative:** Regression analysis and data analysis (Python, RScript)
- **Languages:** English, German, Turkish (native speaker level), French (advanced)

CERTIFICATIONS / ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- **Financial Modeling & Valuation Analyst (FMVA®)** — Corporate Finance Institute (CFI)
- **Microsoft Certified: Azure AI Fundamentals (AI-900)** — AI/ML concepts, generative AI and responsible AI use
- **Microsoft Certified: Azure Data Fundamentals (DP-900)**, in progress

PROJECTS / RESEARCH

Matura Research Thesis: Refugees, Immigration & GDP per Capita
Independent Research Project (8 months)

- Conducted an independent research project applying economic theory and quantitative analysis to examine the relationship between immigration and GDP per capita
- Built cross-country regression models in Excel, analysing economic and demographic datasets to quantify the impact of different forms of immigration across three countries
- Reviewed and synthesised 100+ academic and economic sources to support empirical analysis and interpret regression results
- Awarded Distinction, placed 2nd in the Swiss Youth Research Programme, and submitted to the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Member, Economics & Finance Society** — participating in events, talks, workshops and networking events
- Member, Swimming & Surfing Societies