

# M&T Fellowship Report

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## Internship Overview

- Company: Forefront Capital Management (Edelweiss Financial Services)
- Location: Mumbai, India
- M&T Alumni: Nalin Moniz (Founder), Radhika Gupta (Founder)
- Position: Quantitative Summer Analyst
- Duration: 10 weeks (June 1 ~ August 7)

## Securing the Internship Opportunity

- I learned about the opportunity through one of the OCR emails that Jaime sent out. The email contained names of the past interns, and I knew a couple of them so I asked them about their experience with Forefront. All the people fully recommended that I pursue the internship, so I applied for the summer analyst position. Also, the opportunity to stay in India for a considerable period of time appealed to me greatly, not to mention many of my good friends who are of Indian origin.
- I had two interviews: first with Radhika, and then with Nalin, the two founders of Forefront. The first interview with Radhika was more behavioral and focused on my past experience and projects. The second interview with Nalin was more technical, focusing both on my programming skills and knowledge in finance. I had a feeling that they valued the capability to independently pursue projects more than previous exposure to finance itself. Also, they placed a great deal on programming abilities.

## Work Summary

- My internship projects mainly centered on investment opportunities in South Korea, as the fund was seeking expansion into East Asia. I was able to leverage my fluent Korean and 20+ years of life experience in Korea to really understand the market sentiment and identify possible opportunities for investment and establish profitable strategies..
- The internship experience was augmented by weekly lecture series held by Nalin that introduced us to various investment strategies and the general hedge fund environment. I'm eternally grateful for the efforts Forefront put into make our internship experience as useful as possible. Also, as Forefront was part of Edelweiss Financial Services, I could meet other interns from University of Chicago, Brown, and London School of Economics.
- The internship came at the opportune moment when I was undecided for my career between the two different aspects of my M&T education. I'm still undecided on which academic discipline suits me more, but I did realize that I absolutely loved independently forming inquiries and researching them in the finance sector.

## Final Remarks

- I cannot express how grateful I am to the M&T program for providing me with this opportunity. Nalin and Radhika have been simply wonderful to the interns from work and career advice to introducing us to Indian culture and providing emotional support. This summer has been the best summer of my life, and I would not have experienced it without the fellowship program. It is my dearest wish that the fellowship program is expanded so that the current students can truly appreciate the support from the M&T alumni.