

ALUMNI STORIES

Oxford Fintech Lab



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Licensed by the Florida Bar Association, I have been practicing law in the United States for 16 years with a focus on representing US-based business startups and scaleups on diverse matters including blockchain and fintech, corporate law, intellectual property, securities and technology.

Having experienced an incredible learning journey through Oxford Saïd’s online courses in blockchain strategy and fintech, I jumped at the opportunity to study on-campus for the fintech lab. Not only were my expectations exceeded, but I found the entire experience to be completely transformative personally and professionally. The professors and guest speakers presented diverse perspectives that really got me thinking about issues in my business plan I hadn’t previously considered, causing me to make important pivots early on which would have proven more costly later. Tutors, employed to assist each student group with performing a variety of exercises in business advancement, often led me to consider alternative solutions I didn’t

know existed. And my fellow students, representing a United Nations of beautiful and intelligent diversity, taught me just as much as the Oxford staff. Evening events organised to immerse the students into the University’s legacy of grand histories were nothing short of spectacular, and the cuisine surprisingly delightful. In summary, the fintech lab was wonderfully immersive and joyfully inclusive; my only lament is that it didn’t last longer.

Having experienced first-hand the unique value of on-campus coursework, I fully intend to pursue other opportunities to continue my studies at the University of Oxford’s Saïd Business School.

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