AYUSH CHAKRABORTY

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EDUCATION

Durham University - Van Mildert College — Durham, UK
BSc Economics | First Year: 2:1 — 2025 - Present
- Expected graduation: July 2028; relevant coursework: Global Financial System and Markets, Econometrics, Banking, Mastering Data and Computation (Excel, R), Microeconomics and Macroeconomics.

United World College of South East Asia (UWCSEA) — Singapore
International Baccalaureate Diploma — 2021 - 2025
- Higher Level: Economics, Mathematics (Analysis & Approaches), Computer Science; IGCSE Economics (A*) and Mathematics (A).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SMIFS Limited - Research Department — Kolkata, India
Macroeconomic & Equity Research Analyst Intern — July 2024
- Supported the Research Department's lead analyst, drafting content for 3 institutional research notes and presentation decks on India CPI/WPI inflation, trade balance and RBI monetary-policy shifts for internal and external use.
- Worked with senior analysts on comparable-company and precedent-transaction screens across multiple policy scenarios, translating macroeconomic developments into a repeatable analytical framework used in client-facing output.

SELECTED FINANCE RESEARCH

OCS / Mitie - Independent M&A Transaction Analysis — Durham, UK
Independent Project — September 2026
- Analysed OCS's c.£3.1bn recommended acquisition of Mitie, assessing the 221.6p headline consideration, c.46.8% premium, strategic rationale, transaction structure and financing package.
- Built transaction and leverage analysis with illustrative £50m-£150m synergy scenarios, evaluating merger economics, post-close deleveraging and key integration risks; produced an investment-banking-style report and Excel model.

Thames Water - Restructuring & Recapitalisation Analysis — Durham, UK
Independent Project — March 2026
- Reconstructed Thames Water's distressed capital structure and March 2026 recapitalisation proposal, analysing £3.35bn of new equity, £3.25bn of day-one debt and creditor loss allocation.
- Built an illustrative creditor-recovery waterfall, leverage bridge and haircut sensitivities to assess the proposed 30% Class A write-off, full Class B impairment and sustainability of the post-restructuring capital structure.

ITC Limited - Independent Equity Research & Valuation — Durham, UK
Independent Project — September 2026
- Built a five-year segment-level financial model, FCFF DCF and SOTP valuation, triangulating a c.₹372/share blended target against a ₹263.50 reference price and testing valuation sensitivities.
- Applied regression analysis to 65 monthly ITC/NIFTY/RBI observations and translated quantitative findings, investment risks, and valuation outputs into a concise written recommendation.

All research available at ayushchakraborty.com/research

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY IMPACT

JAAGO Global Concern, UWCSEA — Singapore
Elected Chairperson & Executive Co-Leader — Sep 2023 - Aug 2024
- Led a 12-person committee through compressed approval timelines to deliver a first-time fundraising gala, raising SGD 2,100 toward 60 students' tuition in Bangladesh.
- Built stakeholder presentations and funding pitches communicating programme impact and supporting longer-term partner commitments.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Finance & Analysis: Financial modelling (3-statement, DCF, comps), valuation, transaction analysis, financial & credit analysis, accounting fundamentals
Tools: Excel (XLOOKUP, advanced formulas), R (tidyquant, regression), SQL, PowerPoint, Word, Bloomberg Terminal (working knowledge);
Languages: English and Bengali (native), Mandarin Chinese (intermediate)
Interests: Tennis, football, chess, drums.