

# PTY Summary - Melissa Kadirova

My placement year was spent building and working on financial solutions that underpin the success of Japan's leading investment bank - Nomura. My decision to join the firm was based on its values of excellence, sustainable development, entrepreneurship and integrity, which align with the principles that have guided me throughout my life. I excelled at 3 different roles and 2 different teams during my time at Nomura. The highlight of my time there is undoubtedly the priceless mentoring and coaching I received from outstanding professionals. My approach to learning beyond what my positions required involved over 30 desk shadows of people from various roles such as quantitative analysts, software engineers, traders and business analysts. My high point was when I was placed to work on the flagship project of the Structured Rates Technology team and took the lead on developing the front-end of the newest product for the Fixed Income trading desk. Fixed Income at Nomura is leading across all regions that the bank operates in. In addition to my day-to-day responsibilities, I got involved in the "Computing at Schools" initiative as one of the founding members, and participated in a Machine Learning hackaton. Moreover, I highly enjoyed volunteering for Code First: Girls as a lead instructor of a Web Development course for women at the London School of Economics. I aspire to not only be an advocate for women in STEM, but for all people who strive to build an impactful and purposeful career.