

Aitor Muguruza

SUMMARY: PhD candidate in Mathematical Finance at Imperial College with 2 years of experience in the finance industry and strong academic background. Autonomous worker and creative problem solver.

EDUCATION

- Imperial College London**
2016 – present
MRes + PhD in Mathematical Finance, Supervisor: Antoine Jacquier
Research on theoretical properties of rough volatility models and their numerical implementation in several financial contexts as asset pricing (particularly exotics) and risk management
Awards: EPSRC scholarship from CDT on Financial Computing and Financial Analytics
Papers: On VIX Futures in the rough Bergomi model (with A. Jacquier and C. Martini)
- Imperial College London**
2015 – 2016
MSc in Mathematics and Finance, Distinction
Focusing on state of the art quantitative methods with a deep mathematical insight, including Stochastic processes, Machine Learning, Levy Processes and Dynamic Portfolio Theory
Master Thesis: “Rough volatility: characterisation of VIX in rBergomi and numerical schemes”
Awards: Natixis Foundation 2017 best Master’s thesis in Quant Finance (across EU and UK)
- Complutense Univ. of Madrid**
2014 – 2016
MSc in Banking and Quantitative Finance, Distinction
Provided overview of financial markets and their regulation, econometrics, asset allocation and valuation addressed with numerical methods (Monte-Carlo and finite differences).
- University of Texas at Austin**
2013 – 2014
Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematics, First Class
Including graduate level courses in Stochastic Processes and Mathematical Finance.
Dissertation: “Single and Multi Period Mean-Variance optimization”, *First Class*
- University of the Basque Country**
2009 – 2013
Bachelor’s Degree in Mathematics, 2:1
Probability Theory, Real Analysis, Measure Theory, Statistics and Multivariate Analysis among others
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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Zeliade Systems**
Apr. – Sept. 2016
Quantitative Research Intern (Full-time)
- Valuation and calibration schemes of VIX derivatives under rBergomi
 - Applications of eSSVI in forward variance curve estimation
 - Successfully designed and analysed numerical schemes for rough volatility models allowing potential path dependent/exotic derivative pricing
 - Investigated and discovered theoretical properties of rough volatility models
 - Model-free approach (Optimal Transport) to analyse the consistency of the model
- Management Solutions (BBVA Bank)**
2014 – 2015
Internship in Regulatory Consulting (Full-time)
- Analysed the inner regulatory network of BBVA, based on statistical tools; proposed structural/tactical solutions to improve the network
 - Collaborated with 15 departments and formulated a global project to concentrate the regulatory information
 - Consistently produced deliverables in deadline-focused regulatory environment along with 2 team partners
 - Supported the feasibility analysis, cost-benefit analysis, and optimisation process of the project
 - Enhanced time management by balancing professional and academic responsibilities
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ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Skills IT: C++, MATLAB, Visual Basic, Fortran, R, Python, MS Office
Languages: Spanish (Native); Basque (Native); French (Beginner)

Leadership and Achievements

- Conductor of Miguel de Unamuno Residence Hall Orchestra (2011-2013), leading a group of 50 people
- Organiser of several Charity Concerts in Bilbao (2011-2013), raised over 1500€ for the food bank in Spain
- Distinguished community service by the University of the Basque Country

Interests Enjoy running, music and social activities; passionate about travelling