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At the Higher School of Economics, I decided to pursue the degree of Master of Economics majoring in Macroeconomic Analysis. I felt that it would provide me with an opportunity to grow as a versatile professional able to apply my skills to virtually any industry or sort of activity. And later, it turned out that I was right.

Having graduated in 2008, I was employed by commercial banks as a macroeconomist until I was hired by one of the largest energy companies in Europe, "Inter RAO" (headquartered in Moscow). Working as a macroeconomist for an industry giant allowed me to apply my knowledge of economic development and modeling skills to specific industry-related tasks such as forecasting the price for fuel, the demand for electricity, and so on.

In 2015, I felt that I would like to further enhance my knowledge of the industry including global trends and environmental challenges, nowadays a major concern in energy markets. That is why I decided to pursue an MBA degree in Natural Resources, Energy, and Environment at the University of Alberta, Canada. It turned out that only a few universities in the world provide students with that sort of education. I narrowed down the choice to the University of Alberta knowing that Canada is regarded as a pioneer in carbon taxes and environment-friendly policy. I felt sure that I could learn not only from various university classes but also from being in the country and observing the way Canadian government addresses environmental issues.

The University of Alberta (UofA) is a prominent and highly regarded university, not only in Canada but also in the world. The truth be told, enrolling into it was a challenge but eventually I was admitted and even awarded for my academic achievements, work background, and high GMAT score. Judging by the first term there, my HSE experience proved to be a worthy asset as studying at the UofA means being under constant pressure from home assignments, exams, essays, presentations, and so on. It requires careful prioritizing, and time management.

After graduating from the university, I look forward to applying my knowledge to solving the global energy market problems and thus becoming a professional capable of foreseeing market trends and economic development.



