

Louis Lardner

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Motivated and ambitious rising third year history student with an interest in financial services and consulting.

EDUCATION

BA in History | University of Exeter

September 2023

– July 2026 (Expected)

- **Year 3:** Commencing dissertation research on British and American intelligence assessments of Heinz Guderian's Panzer divisions during Operation Barbarossa
- **Year 2 (1*):** Led a group research project examining the historical memory of Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil, awarded a special commendation for academic excellence; authored a 6,000-word independent research essay on the strategic planning of Operation Overlord. Completed an interdisciplinary business module, achieving 82% for a competitive sales pitch in which I conceptualised, developed, and marketed a product to a panel of assessors competing for funding.
- **Year 1 (1*):** Acquired foundational historiographical skills through modules on the history of globalisation and the Indian Rebellion, building a strong grounding in critical analysis and historical methodology.

Eltham College, Nottingham

September 2016 – July 2021

- A-Levels: Geography (A*), History (A*), Drama (A*)
- GCSEs: English Literature (9), Geography (9), English Language (9), Religious Studies (8), Physics (9), Biology (9), Mathematics (9), History (9), Drama (9), Chemistry (9)
- Scored a first on the Historical aptitude test (HAT) run by Oxford University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Operations Intern | Sigma Broking Limited | London, UK

June 2025 – August 2025

- Monitored CME and ICE exchanges in real time, accurately recording trades and market activity in Microsoft Excel.
- Designed and implemented an Excel macro to automate brokerage rate calculations, significantly improving efficiency and accuracy for the operations team.
- Processed and cleared trade tickets using TEO, ensuring all entries met compliance and accuracy standards.
- Shadowed senior brokers, gaining in-depth exposure to the LME, LPG, and interest rate markets, and developing a strong understanding of market structures and trading practices.

Football Coach | Exeter City Community Trust | Exeter, UK

June 2025 – Present

- Deliver weekly football coaching sessions for young people from underprivileged backgrounds, providing opportunities to develop skills, build confidence, and engage in structured physical activity.
- Create a positive and inclusive environment that promotes teamwork, discipline, and personal development both on and off the pitch.
- Plan and adapt training drills to suit a range of abilities, ensuring all participants can progress and achieve their potential.
- Develop my own coaching skills and leadership abilities, combining my passion for football with a commitment to community engagement and youth development.

Catering Business

August 2024 – Present

- Founded and manage a specialist catering service targeting film crews for advertising shoots, addressing a gap in the market for affordable, high-quality, healthy on-set meals.
- Personally manage all aspects of the business — menu planning, cooking, pricing, and service — maximising profitability while demonstrating strong organisational and time-management skills.
- Developed a competitive pricing strategy to undercut larger catering companies while maintaining premium food quality, resulting in over 10 successful bookings for breakfast and lunch services.
- Consistently achieved strong financial performance, with an average profit margin of 77% on the last five bookings.
- Earned glowing client feedback for food quality, reliability, and service, fostering repeat business and a strong local reputation.

Fundraising Manager and Student Ambassador | Movember | Exeter, UK

August 2024 – June 2025

- Organised and promoted on-campus events relating to men's mental and physical health initiatives to raise awareness and funds for Movember. These ranged from informational sessions to social gatherings to fundraising activities such as the flagship "Move for Mo" event where hundreds of students participated.
- Effectively utilised social media platforms to promote events, share Movember's message, and reach a broader audience, encouraging more significant participation and donations.

- Ran an Instagram account for the duration of the campaign with a reach of 42,000 people that attend/work/live around Exeter University.
 - Used Canva, a photo editing software to create engaging graphics to get people to donate and come to events.
 - During my time as ambassador, over 120.000 pounds was raised by students of Exeter university for Movember, the 2nd most of any Uni.
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SKILLS, CERTIFICATES & INTERESTS

- Microsoft Office Suite
- The Prevent Duty (Colleges & Universities)
- Child Protection in Education
- Food Hygiene Standards certification
- FA Certifications: Level 1 Coaching, Introduction to Grassroots Football, Player Welfare, First Aid
- Financial manager for family member's savings account for the past 3 years, and have grown account by over 20%