

## New South Wales Skilled Migration Case Study

### HANQING JOHN ZHU

Hanqing John Zhu came to NSW on a student visa from Guangzhou in China in 2001 at the age of seventeen. “The UK was too expensive, Canada was too cold, there were too many guns in the US and Australia’s peaceful nature and proximity to Asia was very attractive, so the family decided I should study in Sydney – the premier city of the country.” says John.

John had studied English from Year 5 in Guangzhou and was reasonably familiar with the language. “I lived with a friend of my father’s in Riverwood and still live there now” explains John.

John completed Years 11 and 12 at Kogarah High School where he scored 99.9 out of 100 on the Australian Universities Admission Index and won the NSW Premier’s award for all round excellence in the Higher School Certificate.

John completed a Bachelor of Science with First Class Honours and University Medal in Applied Mathematics at the University of Sydney in 2006 with high distinctions in all subjects except two where he ‘only’ scored distinctions. He specialised in quantitative finance and the pricing theory of derivative securities.

During his time at university John was generally very active on campus. He won several vacation research scholarships and numerous awards and honours.

In April 2006 John applied for sponsorship from the NSW Department of State and Regional Development for a State/Territory Nominated Independent (STNI) visa.



*John Zhu got involved in life in Sydney.*

He was granted the visa by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship in December 2006.

John now works for ABN Amro Bank as a Quantitative Analyst and Trader following a period with Optiver, a securities arbitrage trading firm, in 2007.

John’s advice for overseas students is to “do the subjects you want to do when you get here – not just the ones you think you need for migration. There were fewer overseas students studying science and maths, and the courses are not as crowded. There was more opportunity for me to interact with local students and get individual attention from lecturers. Try to get involved in activities both on and off campus, experience the real Australian culture and way of life”.

John is now looking forward to expanding his knowledge and experience in the global financial markets.

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