

Alina Chen

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EDUCATION

University of Rochester

Graduated Dec 2023

B.A., Dual Majors in Economics and Brain & Cognitive Science

Rochester, NY

- **Relevant courses:** Database Systems, Probabilistic Reasoning & Bayesian Inference, Linear Algebra, Discrete Math

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brderless

Dec 2025 - Apr 2026

Founding Growth Lead

New York, NY

- Drove monthly revenue from unprofitable to \$50K+ MRR and grew sponsor base from 2 to 10 by diagnosing a recurring "how are you different" objection across 3 of 5 lost deals, then engineering a case-study one-pager to answer it; replaced cold outreach with brand-led inbound, converting BD contacts into warm intro sources
- Initiated founder residency expansion sourcing venture opportunities through founder relationships, and ran content strategy featuring serial founders and AI research lab leadership to compress sales cycle on new sponsor conversations

Ernst & Young - Parthenon

Aug 2024 - Oct 2025

M&A Consultant, Tech & Telehealth

New York, NY

- Validated sellside's claimed revenue growth using Power BI and Excel: cleaned raw billing data of each cohort to calculate growth rates, customer retention, and expansion metrics, uncovering risks in customer acquisition costs and lifetime value that informed buy-side valuation
- Supported buy-side diligence for a \$6B cloud infrastructure platform acquisition by analyzing multi-year customer transaction data, providing revenue quality assessment that informed buyer's pricing negotiations
- Supported \$80M life sciences consulting carve-out by developing standalone business narrative: normalized one-time expenses, identified segment profit patterns, and projected spin-off business' financials with management's forward plans

Jefferies Financial Group

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

Investment Banking Summer Analyst, Energy & Power

Houston, TX

- Contributed to a \$500M sell-side fundraiser (upstream energy) and a \$1B Series A (clean energy): cash-flow modeling, stress testing, 150+ project pipeline synthesis

RECENT PROJECTS

Ckpt: a version control tool for Engineer-Agent coding collaboration

Feb 2026 - Mar 2026

Originated at Google DeepMind & Datadog, Self Improving Agents Hack NYC; ongoing build

- Built a "GitHub for the Agent" platform capturing the reasoning layer behind every code change, such as constraints, dead ends, and trade-offs lost between human-agent handoffs
- Shipped a 4-component system in Python and TypeScript: git-wrapping CLI with SQLite sync; FastAPI + Postgres backend; Next.js web app with timeline and compare views; MCP server exposing reasoning tools for Claude Code, plus a webhook protocol for Codex and Claude

AdamsMyth: an adaptive investment education platform

Oct 2025 - Feb 2026

Incubated through Beta University Cohort 11

- Built a full-stack web app where users take an investor persona quiz, browse matched investment themes, research companies, and learn through an AI advisor that tracks their progress; live in production with 100+ active users
- Built a React + Supabase system with a weighted match-scoring engine ranking themes against user risk/timeline/sector profile, streaming LLM chat over persisted message history, and a rubric-based eval loop that scores each conversation across business model, financials, and catalyst dimensions to drive personalized learning paths

ADDITIONAL

- **Certifications:** CFA Level I, SIE
- **Tools:** Python, TypeScript, SQL (Postgres), Next.js, FastAPI, Supabase, Excel, Alteryx