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Pouya is currently the Director of Business Development at Algonquin College, overseeing Corporate Training, Strategic Initiatives and Professional Language Training. Prior to this, he was the Director, Business Management for Student Affairs at the University of Ottawa, which oversees Finance, HR, Marketing & Communication and Admin for all 16 services under Student Affairs and covers all aspects of the student cycle, including recruitment, housing/food, sports, graduation etc.

He is also an adjunct Professor specializing in Finance, Ethics, Social Responsibility, Sustainability, Leadership and Management at the University of Ottawa's Telfer School of Management, where he founded the school's Finance Lab and Telfer Capital Fund and introduced and developed a mandatory course on Finance Ethics. During his time at the University of Ottawa, he also held the positions of Associate Director for the Professional Development Institute and Manager of the Office of Continuing Professional Development at the Faculty of Medicine. Earlier in his career, he also worked as a Financial Advisor for both Scotiabank and Edward Jones, where he managed a portfolio of high-net-worth clients and offered financial planning and investment advice.

Pouya holds an MBA from the University of Ottawa as well as an undergrad degree with a specialization in Finance. In 2020, he was awarded the prestigious Telfer Young Achiever's award for his accomplishments in business and community under the age of 40. In his free time, Pouya loves to travel, having been to over 60 countries, and is passionate about continuous learning and helping those around him through his volunteer mentoring and coaching of various initiatives at the University of Ottawa.