Carlos graduated from the Master of Sustainability in 2016. He has gone from doing an internship with his capstone workplace to working at the World Economic Forum. He shared his thoughts on how the degree supported his career aspirations.

**What aspects of the degree did you find most useful in seeking/gaining employment or your current job?**

Well the Capstone Project is definitely what I would consider the most important route to get your foot at the door of some prestigious organisations, which in my case allowed to create a solid network with Ernst and Young (EY) staff.

Secondly, I would say the professors have immense technical knowledge but also really good connection with industry. For me it was very important to reach out to them for recruiting opportunities. Moreover, Sydney in a more general basis has a large amount of clubs and societies. Some of them are oriented towards professional fields which are also of help.

Finally, Sydney has a very good career centre that offers recruiting opportunities with top class companies. The brand strength and academic preparation from Sydney really gives you the edge on graduate programs locally and internationally. Even as an international student myself, these additional programs were of great help to me in terms of gaining employment.

**How has the Sustainability program impacted what you’re doing now or your plans? (Updated 01/2017)**

I worked for EY in getting my Capstone published, as it is in their interest for its thought leadership and business proposition. Along with EY, I have been invited to interview with some management consulting companies in the following months to work in Australia, the U.S. and Latin America.

I am now working at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in New York City. At the Forum, my role as Project Specialist focuses on running the strategy, execution, and scale-up of the *Promoting Global Financial Inclusion (PGFI)* project, part of the Shaping the Future of Financial and Monetary System Initiative under the wider Financial Services team. For this role, my application was accepted out of approximately 3,000 applications (globally). My team is sits on the System Initiative on Shaping the Future of Finance and Monetary Systems, under the wider financial services team.

It is a fantastic role that mixes my two of my passions (finance and sustainability). It has allowed me to meeting and collaborating with top global leaders around the world (including Heads of State and global CEOs of several industries). My co-workers are also extremely passionate and brilliant, and committed to improve the state of the world and I am learning so much from them. Right now, I am actually preparing my trip to Switzerland on preparing sessions for the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum 2017 in Davos.

While I was at the University of Sydney working on my capstone project, I used many WEF reports as major sources for my research. Interestingly enough, I am now (almost a year later) writing some of those same reports and it has been a major highlight since graduating from Sydney. I am certain the global exposure that Sydney University (and the Master of Sustainability) provided, was a cornerstone of my success at the Forum.

**On being at Sydney**

I really loved my experience at Sydney: the program, the instructors, the classmates, the lifestyle and the Sydney mentality in general was a great fit for me. I would exhort to any potential applicant to definitely attend Sydney and take advantage of the great opportunities this university and the Master of Sustainability in particular offers.

Having said this, my recommendation is not to expect to be given the opportunities by the program or the instructors automatically, but to be proactive and look for them. Reach out to professors, classmates, other students, societies, etc. and then become truly involved in the Sydney community.