



Khamal Clayton, born and raised in Montego Bay, Jamaica, earned his Bachelor of Arts in Economics-Mathematics with a concentration in Latin American and Caribbean Studies at Columbia University located in New York City, United States. While at Columbia University, Khamal studied abroad in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for a semester where gained proficiency in the Portuguese language and had his first long-term experience in Latin America.

After graduating from Columbia University in 2015, he spent two years as an analyst in the financial technology division at BlackRock, Inc., an asset manager based in New York. Within this role, Khamal advised clients, including some of the world's most prominent banks and pension managers, on the ways in which BlackRock's proprietary technology can be used to optimize trading and investment workflows.

Khamal enrolled in the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University to pursue his passion for macroeconomic policy and sustainable economic development. This passion was cultivated while living in rural Jamaica where economic opportunities were few and where youth unemployment has continued to be a chronic issue. Currently, he is pursuing a concentration in International Development with a possible minor in Latin American Studies and a specialization in Emerging Markets.

In his spare time, Khamal enjoys listening to music, reading books on policy and economics and travelling. While in Bologna, Italy, Khamal intends to enroll in cooking classes.

After graduation, Khamal would like to work for the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund focused on researching and analyzing macroeconomic indicators of growth and development in primarily the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Khamal is a native English speaker who is proficient in Spanish and Portuguese. He also has a good command of French and he intends to continue his study of the French language at SAIS.