

TAMLYN STEVENS

Economics & Pre-Law Student | Founder | Venture Capital & Market Research

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Founder and aspiring venture capital investor with experience spanning startup building, venture ecosystems, market research, and strategic analysis. Skilled in evaluating emerging markets, conducting competitive and financial research, supporting fundraising strategy, and translating research into commercial insight. Passionate about backing ambitious founders across Africa and expanding access to capital for underrepresented entrepreneurs, particularly women-led businesses.

CORE SKILLS

Investment & Venture: Startup Due Diligence, Market Mapping, Competitive Analysis, Investment Memos, Customer Discovery, Go-to-Market Strategy, Venture Fundraising, Financial Analysis

Research: Qualitative & Quantitative Research, Market Sizing, Ecosystem Mapping, ESG & Sustainable Finance, Circular Economy

Tools: Excel, PowerPoint, Notion, Canva, Figma, Crunchbase, Dealroom, F6S, Statista, Claude, ChatGPT

EXPERIENCE

Founder & Tech Lead — *Rewear Closet (Built By Her)* Feb 2024 – Present

- Built a circular-fashion-tech platform from concept to MVP, owning front-end/back-end development and UI/UX design
- Led customer discovery and market validation work to refine product positioning and go-to-market strategy
- Developing the venture's pitch deck and fundraising narrative as part of the Founders6 Accelerator

Founder Cohort Member — *Founders6 Accelerator* July 2026 – Present

- Selected to join an international startup accelerator supporting high-growth technology founders
- Receiving mentorship on venture fundraising, customer discovery, product strategy, and investor readiness
- Building Rewear Closet's fundraising strategy, go-to-market execution, and venture scaling roadmap

Extern — *Magusta Ventures* July – Dec 2025

- Selected for a competitive externship focused on venture capital acquisition and funding pathways for early-stage startups
- Conducted market and financial research to identify growth strategies and scaling opportunities across portfolio companies
- Produced data-driven recommendations and strategic reports to support startups navigating the VC landscape

Founder & Regional Lead — *Girls Into VC — Cape Town Chapter* March 2026 – Present

- Founded and lead the Cape Town chapter of Girls Into VC, growing a local community of women interested in venture capital and investing
- Built relationships with founders, investors, and ecosystem partners to widen access to venture careers
- Organized educational events, networking sessions, and university partnerships; own community strategy, outreach, and volunteer coordination

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Policy Research & Advocacy Candidate — *Politics4Her Africa* March 2026 – Present

- Research on gender justice, legislative frameworks, and economic autonomy across Africa, translated into data-driven policy recommendations

Finance & Operations Lead — *Mobility for Climate Policy* Dec 2025 – Present

- Manage the Programs Unit, converting cross-regional research into implementable policy recommendations on climate mobility

Data Intern — *Mission for Inner City Cape Town* Aug – Sept 2025

- Sole intern on the data team; led sponsorship outreach that raised R50,000 to fund community and data-driven projects

EDUCATION

Harvard University — BA, Pre-Law & Economics | May 2025 – June 2029

University of Copenhagen — Sustainable Development Goals Program (Coursera) | 2024

PUBLICATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- "Tokenism in Youth Policy in South Africa," Youth in Policy Journal (2025)
- Contributor, South African National Youth Statement (LCOY 2025)
- Sustainable Finance, J.P. Morgan (Forage) | Investment Rules & Sustainable Development and the Law (DemEd Global)