



MSFE

Master of Science in Financial Economics

The MS in Financial Economics is a two-year program that provides academically distinguished and industry-oriented students with rigorous training in finance and economics through a carefully constructed curriculum of PhD and MBA courses.

The program provides students with the quantitative and theoretical tools for a successful career in finance with employers such as investment and commercial banks, economic and financial asset management companies, consulting firms, and policy-oriented organizations.

Class Profile	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Class Size	23	24
Acceptance Rate	8%	9%
Average Years of Work Experience	0.43	0.87
Average GRE (Quantitative) Score ¹	92%	93%

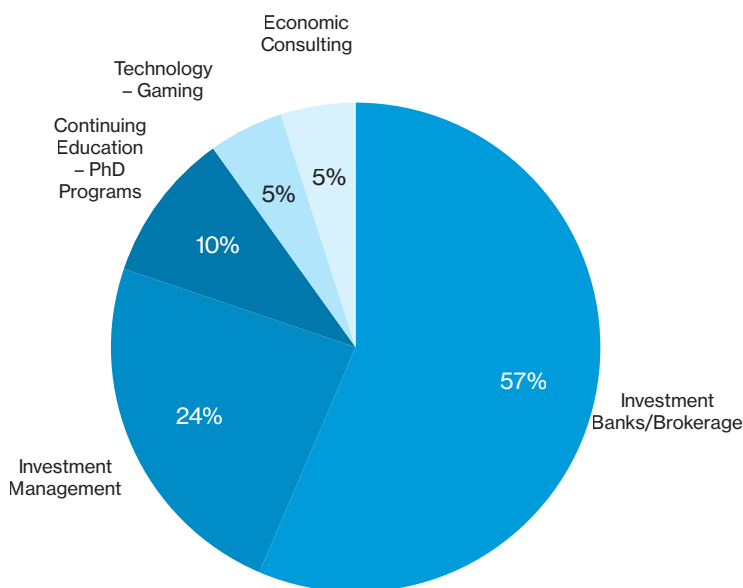
Employment Statistics²	Graduates Class of 2023	Summer Interns Class of 2024
Seeking Employment		
Accepted Full-Time Offer	19	
Accepted Internship Offer		21
Not Seeking Employment		
Continuing Education – PhD Program	2	1
Not Seeking – Other Reason		2
No Recent Information	2	

¹ Financial Economics students primarily take the GRE.

² Data reflects students who reported employment information.

Does not include students who have not reported their status to date.

Where Have Our Class of 2023 Graduates Gone?*



Graduate Employment Breakdown by Region/Country*

16
United States

3
Hong Kong

2023 Employers

Full-Time

Bank of America^{1,2}
Barclays
Columbia Business School
Citi
Deutsche Bank
EY²
Goldman Sachs^{1,2}
JP Morgan
Man Group
Morgan Stanley^{1,2}
Roblox
TCW Group²
Vanguard²

Summer Internship

Analysis Group
Assured Guaranty
Balbec Capital
Bopu Fund
Columbia Business School¹
China Everbright Bank
China Southern Asset Management
CICC US
Federal Reserve Board
Haitong International
Moon Capital
Nomura
PIMCO
Veris Wealth Partners
Vanguard¹

Select Job Titles

Full-Time

Assistant Vice President,
Thematic Macro Research
Assistant Vice President, FIG
Associate, IBD
Corporate Banking Analyst
Engineering Analyst
Equity Research Analyst
Investment Research
Analyst, ISG
Quantitative Analytics
Associate
Quantitative Associate
Quantitative Risk Analyst
Quantitative Researcher
Research Associate
Sales & Trading Analyst
/ Associate

Summer Internship

Data Science Intern
Data Summer Intern
Distressed Assets Analyst
Economics Research Intern
Equity Investment Intern
Global Markets Trading
Summer Analyst
Impact Investment
Research Analyst Intern
PWM Summer Intern Program
Quantitative Intern
Research Assistant
/ Associate
Research Analyst
Risk Management
Summer Intern
Summer Quantitative Trader

Further Education PhD Programs

Columbia Business School
University of Texas

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¹ Hired two or more students
² Internship conversion

Graduate Testimonials

Yiran Zi '23



Internship
Investment Research
Analyst, Vanguard

Graduate Role
Investment Strategy
Analyst, Vanguard

“When selecting a graduate program, Columbia’s MSFE attracted me with its solid academic training and extensive industry exposure. And the two-year program did help me make a transition in my major and start my career in asset management. The series of PhD courses laid a theoretical foundation for me to understand the risk-return structure in the financial markets. Other MBA and computing courses equipped me with the practical/analytical skillset to support my ideas. As an international student, I also benefited greatly from the connections Columbia Business School has. With the help of our career team and alumni network, I became familiar with the finance industry landscape in the US quickly and found the job that I truly loved.”

Caitlin Walsh '20



Internship
Global Markets Intern
Associate, Bank of
America

Graduate Role
Consultant,
Reference Point

Current Role
Vice President, Global
Equities, Bank of America

“When I decided to attend graduate school, Columbia’s MSFE was the only degree program that fit my specifications: a master’s program in finance that would provide academic rigor and equip me for a career in the private sector. The MSFE curriculum’s focus on PhD coursework at one of the nation’s top programs provided an invaluable framework for my theoretical understanding of finance. Specifically, the second-year asset pricing courses were critical for my understanding of market pricing, expected return, and risk decomposition. But, regardless of whether potential candidates are most interested in asset pricing, corporate finance, bank regulation, or market function, you’ll leave the program having learned about each of these topics from leaders in every field. The program’s coursework, world-class faculty, dedicated Career Management Center, and internship opportunities in New York City combine to provide an unparalleled education for those interested in launching their finance careers.”

About the Career Management Center

The Career Management Center (CMC) at Columbia Business School works with students to develop lifelong career management skills and empowers them to leverage the Columbia Business School network. The small size of the specialized MS in Financial Economics program allows the CMC to tailor resources and opportunities for their specific experiences and skillsets.

The CMC also works with hiring organizations across the public, private, and non-profit sectors – internationally and domestically – providing customized resume databases and opportunities for job postings and on-campus events.

Post positions: coin.gsb.columbia.edu

Recruiters’ website: www8.gsb.columbia.edu/recruiters

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