



MSFE

Master of Science in Financial Economics

The MS in Financial Economics is a two-year STEM eligible 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 2024	Class of 2025
Class Size	24	32
Average Undergraduate GPA	3.8	3.8
Average Years of Pre-MS Work Experience	< 1 year	< 1 year
Average GRE (Quantitative) Score ¹	169	169

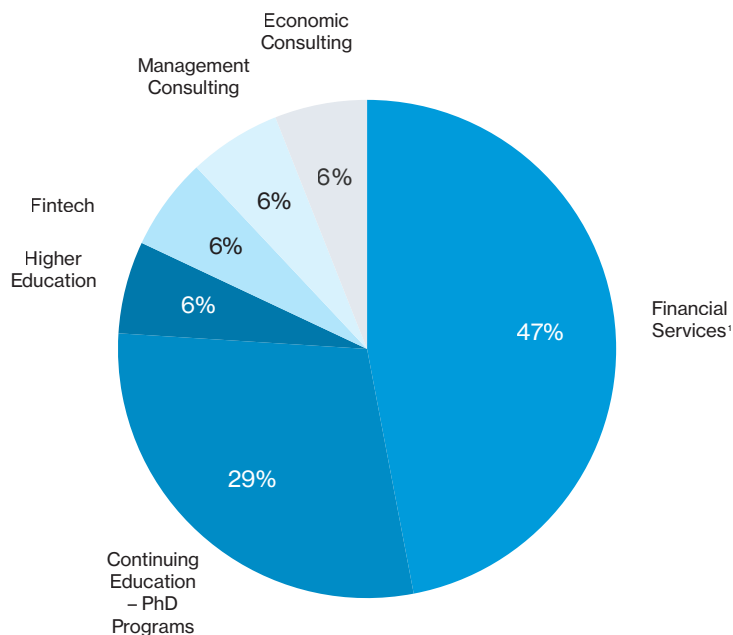
Employment Statistics²	Graduates Class of 2024	Summer Interns Class of 2025
Seeking Employment		
Accepted Full-Time Offer	12	
Accepted Internship Offer	1	25
Not Seeking Employment		
Continuing Education – PhD Program	5	
Not Seeking – Returning to Employer	1	
Not Seeking – Other Reason	1	3
No Recent Information	4	4

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 2024 Graduates Gone?*



Graduate Employment Breakdown by Region/Country²

North America

USA	
Full-Time	11
Internship	19

Asia

Hong Kong	
Full-Time	2
Internship	2
Mainland China	
Full-Time	–
Internship	4

¹ Includes Investment Management, Private Wealth Management, Investment Banks/Brokerage, Diversified Financial Services, and Financial Ratings.

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2024 Employers

Full-Time

Analysis Group¹
 Balbec Capital¹
 Barclays
 Haitong International Securities¹
 Morgan Stanley Wealth Management
 Nomura¹
 PIMCO¹
 PwC
 S&P Global
 TIFIN¹
 University of Chicago
 Vanguard¹

Summer Internship

Analysis Group
 Aegon-Industrial Fund Management
 Calamos Investments
 Citi
 CITIC Securities
 Columbia Business School²
 Dinosaur Financial Group
 Fidelity Investments
 HSBC²
 Infinite Quant
 JP Morgan
 Lingjun Investment
 Moon Capital Management
 RGA
 Shanghai Yanfu Investments
 SMBC
 Stout
 TIFIN²
 Vanguard

Post-Graduation Internship

CTML, University of California, Berkeley

Further Education PhD Programs

University of California, Los Angeles
 Oxford University
 Rutgers University
 Carnegie Mellon University

Select Job Titles

Full-Time

Analyst, Unsecured Team
 Client Service Associate
 Data Science Analyst
 Economic Consulting Analyst
 Equity Derivative Strategist
 Global Markets Analyst, Asia Flow Credit Trading
 Pre-doctoral Research Associate
 Private Banking Analyst
 Quantitative Developer
 Quantitative Research Analyst Senior Specialist,
 Quantitative Modeling Analyst, X Ventures Innovative Leadership Program

Summer Internship

AI/ML Quantitative Analytics Summer Associate
 Analyst Intern
 Climate Knowledge Initiative Fellow
 Data Scientist Intern
 Global Markets Summer Analyst
 Graduate Analyst, Alternatives
 High-Frequency Trading Engineer Intern, FOF Investment & Financial Engineering Team
 Macro Research Intern
 Operational Risk Analyst
 Portfolio Construction Intern
 Quantitative Investments Intern
 Quantitative Research Intern
 Quantitative Risk Analyst
 Research Assistant
 Summer Intern, Complex Securities
 Summer Intern, Investments – Quantitative Analytics

¹ Internship conversion

² Hired two or more students

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,
Nomura

“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 extensive 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 collaborates with hiring organizations across public, private, and nonprofit sectors - both internationally and domestically - offering personalized resume databases, job posting opportunities, and on-campus events to connect students with potential employers.

Post positions: coin.gsb.columbia.edu

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

Contact us: cmc@gsb.columbia.edu