

Master of Science in Finance

Delivering results,
with integrity.

Managing capital well takes a lot of in-depth research, analytical ability and action based on reliable values. Stepping in as leaders in this industry, Olin hopes to educate the next generation of high achieving and upright global financial experts who understand the numbers and use them to grow capital for good.



START YOUR SEARCH HERE

Finance, insurance, accounting, information systems

6 dedicated SMP Career Center staff members who work with industry experts to give top-level career guidance

Employers that hire:

RGA, Blackrock, PwC China, LockerDome, Goldman Sachs, Bank of China

\$71,204* (USA)

Average FT Total Compensation

¥231,728* (CHN)

Average FT Total Compensation

\$22/hour* (USA)

Average Internship Compensation

Potential Job Titles

Analyst, financial analyst, business analyst, investment banking analyst, equity broker, equity research associate

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Quinnipiac, Game IX Forum, LendIt Fintech Conference, ASCEND Pan-Asian Leaders National Convention/Career Fair, EFMD Virtual Career Fair, IMA Leadership Conference and Career Fair, AUCA Winter Career Fair (China)

Student Clubs/ Professional Organizations

These clubs provide valuable information, networking opportunities, panel-based discussions and career-related events to help you deepen your understanding of the markets and make contacts in the financial industry.

- Olin WAM
- Olin Investment Club

Certifications

Getting a certification can be a great way to distinguish yourself from your classmates. The following professional organizations offer certifications in different areas of expertise.

CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst)

This designation is one of the highest you can achieve in the investment management industry. It shows a combination of professionalism and ethics, as well as global industry distinction.

FRM (Financial Risk Manager)

Recognized internationally as a marker for comprehension and application of skill in the latest global standards of financial risk. It also serves as a great connection tool to industry experts.

Continue your industry search here

Pharmaceutical/biotechnology/healthcare products (SSM Health), consulting (Deloitte China), technology (Oracle Corp.)

Career Search Timeline

Summer

- Welcome to Olin
- Complete *First Steps Guide* and connect with SMP Career Coach
- Check out LinkedIn to start looking at current WashU students who are in fields of interest—begin reaching out to them and networking over similar career goals and interests, learn how to get connected in WashU
- Attend **WCC Zoom Sessions**
- Attend **Passport & Career Stamp**
- Welcome to campus!

Summer

- Enjoy internship/full-time job or focus on independent career development
- Attend a networking event and expand your network by building relationships in all areas of life
- Learn a new hard or soft skill that pertains to the job you want
- Do industry research to figure out what will be on employers' minds in the upcoming hiring season
- Begin networking for & applying to full-time positions
- Meet & check in with your Career Coach to be as prepared as possible for full-time job search

Fall

- Meet with Career Coach in person
- Join **Olin Investment Club** or **Olin WAM** student clubs
- Update CareerLink with your revised resume
- Create target company/job title lists
- Brainstorm networking opportunities with targeted companies, reach out to new contacts
- Initiate summer internship/full-time search
- Attend **WashU Career Fair**, practice networking skills
- Attend **Lunch-N-Learn** event
- Apply/interview for summer internship/full-time positions
- Check out **Company Info Sessions** on CareerLink
- Hear how SMP students got internships at the **Internship Procurement Panel**

Fall

- Meet with Career Coach to discuss your internship, revise materials (resume, cover letter, etc.) & determine next steps for your full-time job search
- Attend the **WashU Career Fair & Global Career Accelerator**
- **Apply & interview for full-time positions**

Spring

- Continue networking journey with city-targeted networking trips
- Participate in **Shanghai or Hong Kong Trek**
- Check out **Global Career Accelerator Event** to network with companies that historically have hired international students
- Go to **Lunch-N-Learn** event
- Report internship/full-time offers on OlinConnect
- Meet with Career Coach to make sure you are prepared for your summer

- Continue networking with new connections
- Secure offer & meet with Career Coach to discuss negotiation strategy
- Accept full-time offer & report it to WCC through OlinConnect
- Enjoy **graduation** & your new full-time job!
- Feel free to come back to the WCC with post-grad career needs



Hiring Trends Timeline



Begin applications for internships in the US in November–January and for China in January–March

Master of Science in Finance Internship Offers

Midwest: 67% of offers occurred in October and April–May

West: 67% of offers occurred in March–April

China: 75% of offers occurred in May–June



Begin applications for US jobs in September–November for Midwest jobs and June–August for West Coast jobs; begin applications for China jobs in August–September

Master of Science in Finance Full-Time Offers

Midwest: 55% of offers received in January–March

West: 50% of offers occurred in September–December

China: 58% of offers occurred in October–February

These hiring timelines can be subject to change. We recommend doing company research to understand the year's hiring timeline.

Contact us.

We're ready to provide any help you need.

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Quantitative	Wealth and Asset Management	Corporate
<p>Desired Skills: Strong analytical/mathematical ability, attention to detail, verbal/written communication, problem solving, critical thinking & complex decision-making, database management, programming, technology acumen</p> <p>Employers: Blackrock, Goldman Sachs, RGA, Alpha Square Group, Ascension Investment Management, Bloomberg LP China, Bank of China</p> <p>Example Job Titles: Credit risk analyst, investment analyst, investment banking analyst, portfolio analyst, research analyst, quantitative analyst</p>	<p>Desired Skills: Excellent verbal/written communication, strong mathematical ability, presentation skills, emotional intelligence, detail oriented, confidence, critical thinking & complex decision-making, professional skepticism</p> <p>Employers: LockerDome, SSM Health, Capital One, HSBC Securities, China Merchants Securities, CITIC Securities Company Limited, PwC China</p> <p>Example Job Titles: Account manager, equity trader, derivative intern trader, private equity analyst intern, junior consultant</p>	<p>Desired Skills: Interpersonal skills, data interpretation, analytical/mathematical ability, financial statement expertise, documentation, due diligence, problem-solving expertise</p> <p>Employers: Edward Jones, Oracle Corp., Golden Arc Capital, Goldman Sachs, WashU Investment Management Company, Weifang Silicon Valley Venture Inc., Bank of China, EY China</p> <p>Example Job Titles: Financial analyst, investment banking analyst, business analyst, equity research associate</p>