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MSc Finance (full-time) and MSc Finance and Private Equity Employment Report

2023 Graduates

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Introduction



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Welcome to the LSE Department of Finance!

We pride ourselves on providing a dynamic and enriching learning environment that goes beyond traditional classroom experiences. As our students embark on their career journey, they find a community of passionate faculty members, dedicated staff, and talented students, who share a common interest in the world of finance.

The 2023 cohort are beginning exciting careers in finance, with 91% accepting an offer within 3 months of graduating. Our graduates have demonstrated their global reach by landing roles in various international destinations, most notably in the UK, Europe and East Asia. We are proud to present the fantastic achievements of this cohort in this report, which showcases how the programme successfully prepares students to thrive in their careers.

Our Programme:

- **Rigorous Curriculum:** Our curriculum is designed to challenge and inspire. Our esteemed faculty delve deep into financial theories, explore cutting-edge trends, and apply knowledge to practical situations.
- **Supportive Community:** The Department of Finance, based in the multi award-winning Marshall Building, is not just a place to study; it's our community. Our faculty and staff support students throughout their academic journey, and our students become lifelong peers and colleagues.
- **Career Development:** We are dedicated to helping our students succeed in their future careers. The Department's Finance Accelerator enhances the LSE Careers provision and draws on our own team of industry-experienced practitioners to support the professional development of our students.

91%

accepted an offer
within three months

97%

accepted an offer
within six months

98%

reporting rate

Class Profile

Students

180

Female

31%

Average Age

22

Nationalities

44

International Students

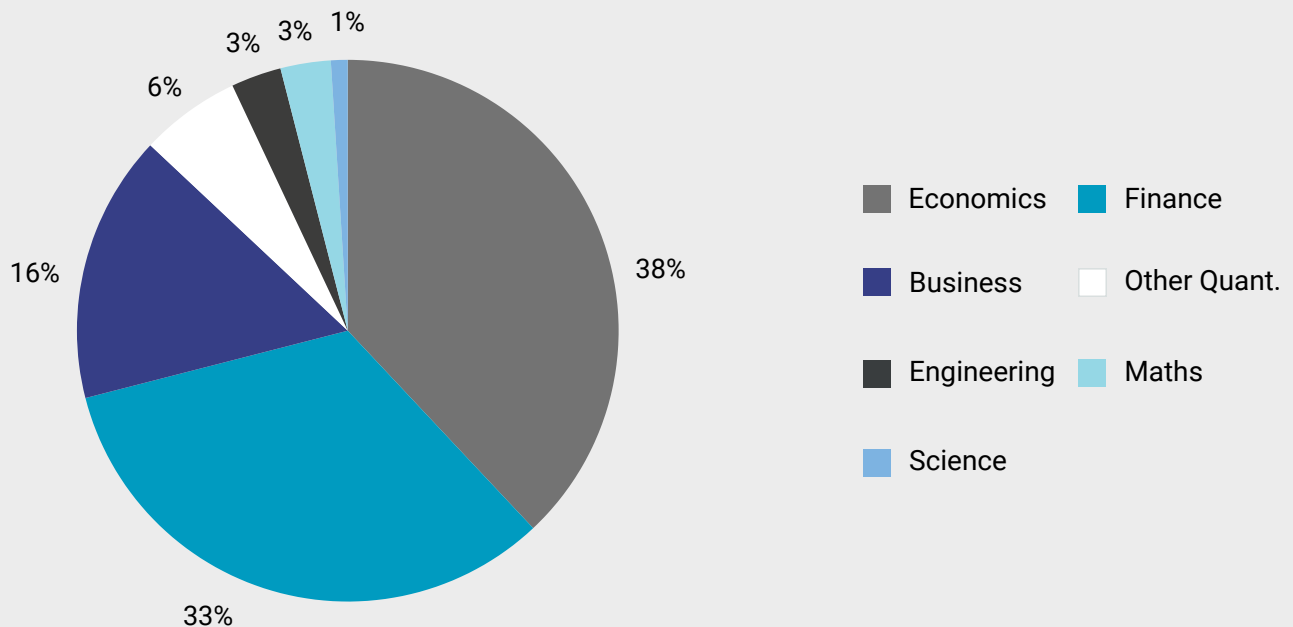
94%

Studied Outside the UK*

62%

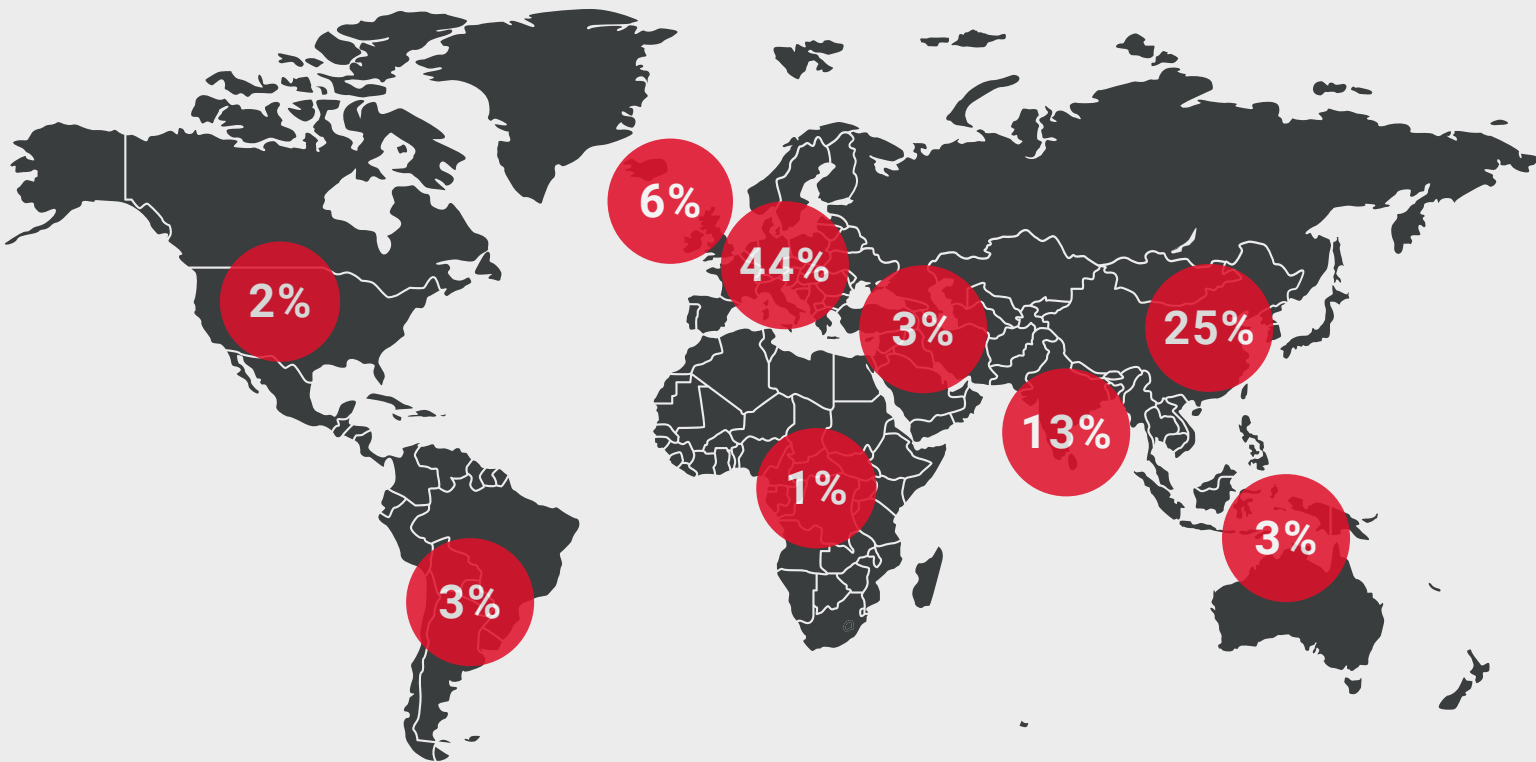
*Prior to the Master's

Degree Background



Class Profile

Regional Background



“ MSc Finance and Private Equity at LSE promised to combine the best of both worlds: a university known for its academic rigour and, on the other side, highly applied courses, especially across topics in corporate finance. I was excited to join a highly international cohort, and be able to study right in Europe’s financial centre.

[The] access to learn from the leading minds across academics and industry is a true privilege.

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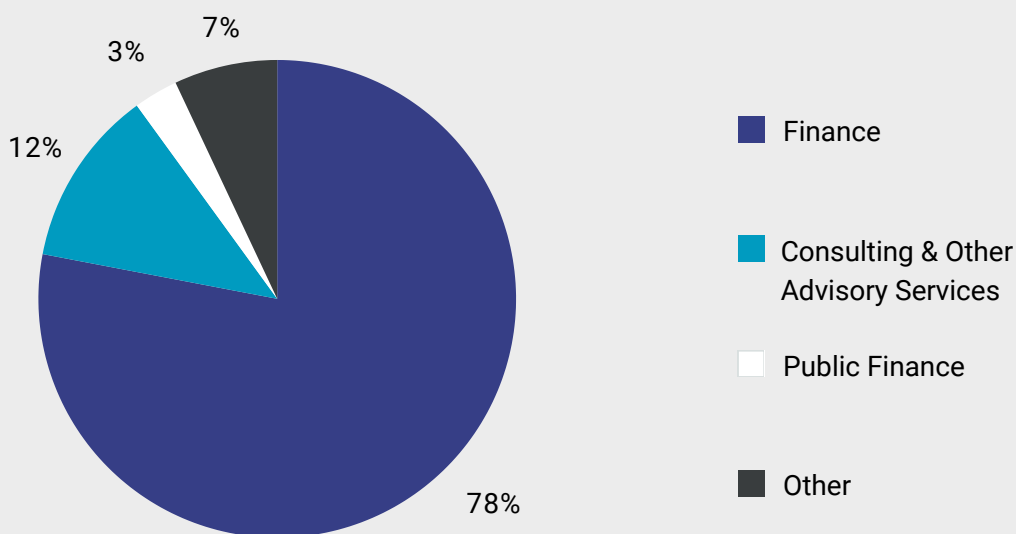
Emil Schaefer
2023: KKR, Growth Equity Analyst
Now: KKR, Technology Investor

Employment Destinations

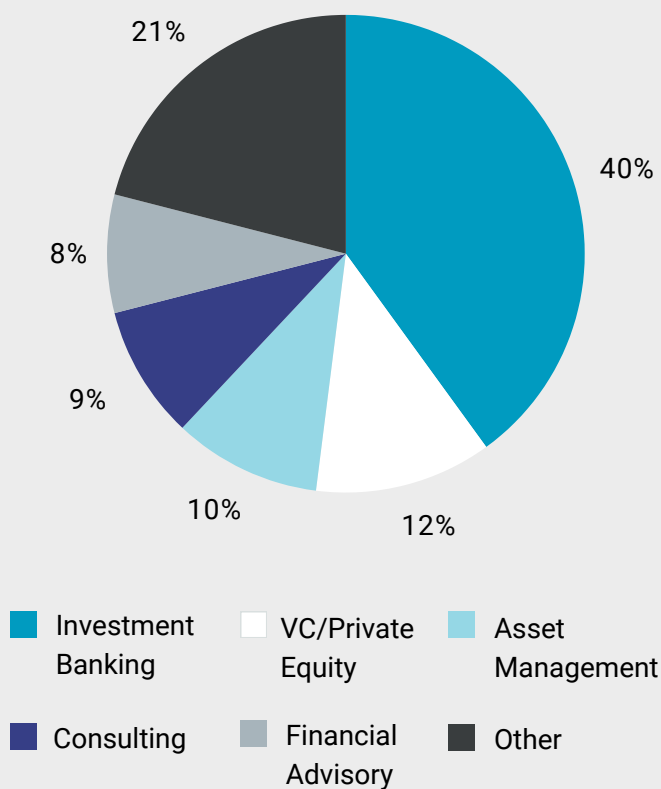
Sector and Organisation

The following pages include a detailed breakdown of the sectors, organisations, employers and locations that our graduates have secured positions in.

Sector



Organisation

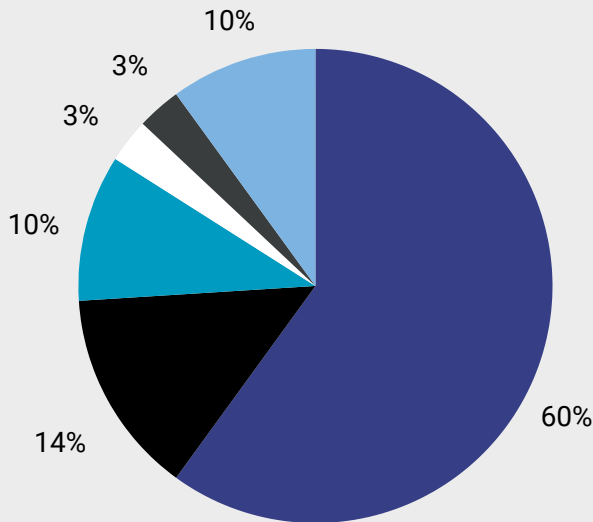


Other Organisations
Accounting Services
Brokerage
Central Banks
Commercial Banking
Commodities/Energy
Corporates/Industry
Education
Healthcare
Insurance/Reinsurance
Legal Services
Other Financial Services
Real Estate
Retail and Consumer Goods
Supranational
Technology
Unknown

Employment Destinations

IB Function

IB Function



Other IB Functions

Corporate Finance
Other Debt Capital Markets
Other Equity Capital Markets
Legal and Compliance
Research
Structuring

- Mergers & Aquisitions
- Sales and Trading
- Investment/Portfolio Management
- Relationship Management/Global Coverage
- Leveraged Finance
- Other

“

The chance to connect with industry professionals, alumni, and other influential figures within the finance sector has been invaluable in shaping my professional trajectory.

Equally noteworthy is the unwavering support provided by the dedicated career services team. Their guidance, resources, and personalised approach have played a pivotal role in my personal and professional growth, helping me align my aspirations with the right career opportunities.



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Hitesh Suresh-Kumar

2023: Torch Partners, Investment Banking Analyst

Now: DAI Magister, Investment Banking Analyst

Employment Destinations

Sample Job Roles by Organisation

Investment Banking

- DCM Off-Cycle Intern
- Executive in Deals Advisory Department
- Fixed Income Associate
- IB Off-Cycle Analyst
- Investment Banking Seasonal Analyst
- Leveraged and Acquisition Finance Off-Cycle Analyst
- M&A Analyst
- M&A Associate
- M&A Off-Cycle Analyst
- Sales and Trading Summer Analyst
- Trading Risk Off-Cycle Analyst

VC/Private Equity

- Graduate Analyst
- Growth Equity Analyst
- Industry Research Intern
- Private Equity Analyst
- Private Equity and Real Estate Analyst
- Private Equity Fixed Term Analyst
- Private Equity Intern
- Summer Analyst
- Summer Intern
- Valuation Associate

Asset Management

- Capital Markets Analyst
- Credit Analyst
- Equity Research Analyst
- Equity Sales Analyst
- Industry Research Analyst
- Investment Analyst
- Portfolio Valuation Analyst
- Wealth Management Analyst

Consulting

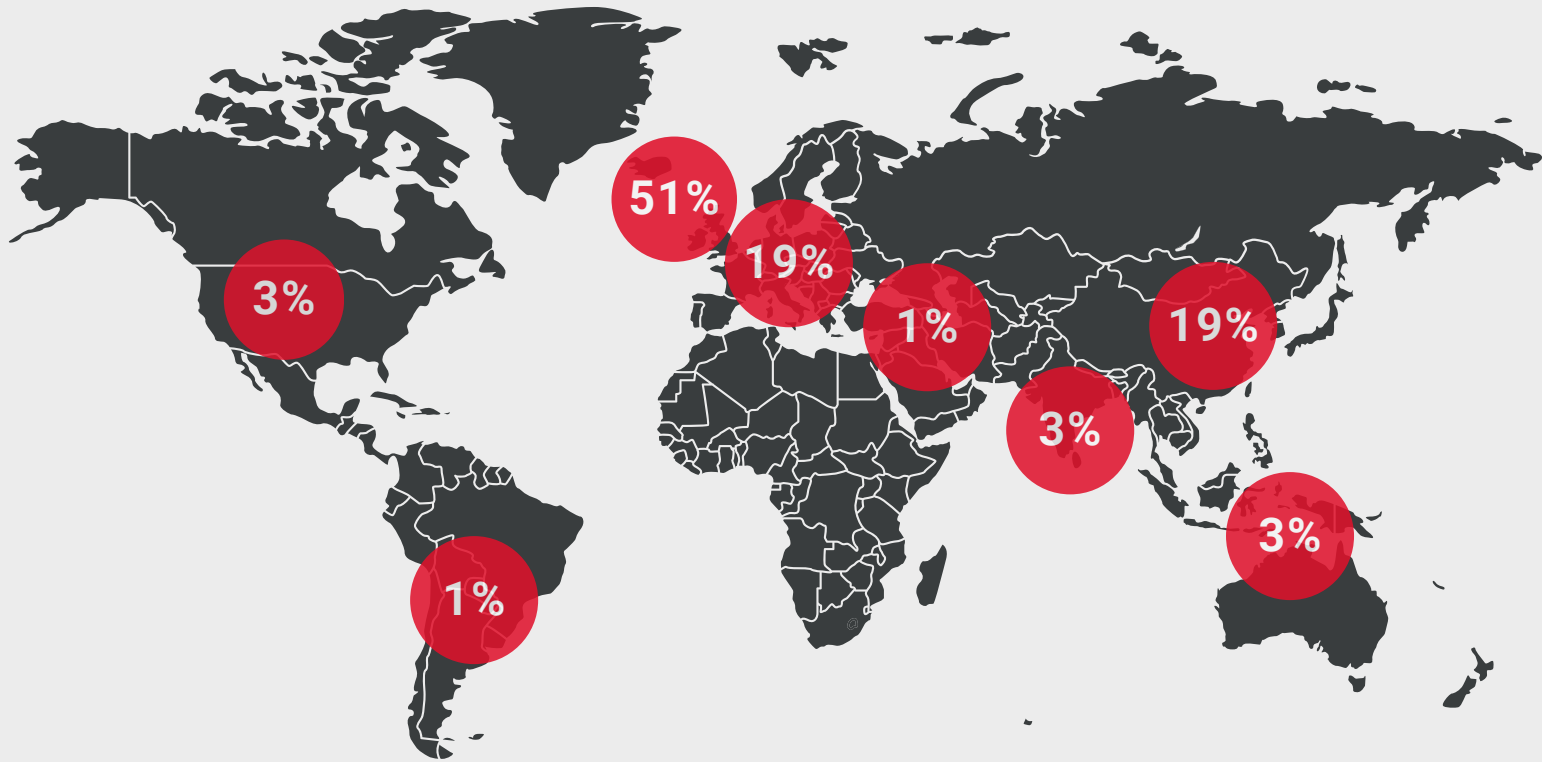
- Consultant
- Financial Strategy Analyst
- Generalist Consultant Associate
- Management Consulting Intern
- Research Analyst
- Research Intern
- Senior Analyst
- Strategist
- Strategy Consulting Graduate Scheme
- Strategy Consulting Intern
- Summer Associate Consultant
- Visiting Associate

Other

- Associate Director
- Assurance Analyst
- Audit Associate
- Bank Examiner
- Director/Executive Director
- Operational Risk Analyst
- Owner
- Product Services and Operations Analyst
- Retail Assistant
- Senior Associate
- VAT Assistant

Employment Destinations

Locations



London



Shanghai



Frankfurt



Hong Kong



Other

Other Cities Breakdown

- Amsterdam
- Athens
- Baku
- Bangkok
- Beijing
- Cluj
- Copenhagen
- Düsseldorf
- Geneva
- Kuala Lumpur
- Leipzig
- Lisbon
- Ljubljana
- Milan
- Mumbai
- Munich
- New York
- Oslo
- Paris
- Reading
- Rio De Janeiro
- San Francisco
- Santa Clara
- Shenzhen
- Singapore
- Stockholm
- Taipei
- Tbilisi
- Tokyo
- Toronto
- Vigo
- Wuhan
- Xiamen
- Zug

Employment Destinations

Companies A-Z

3i Group	DaVita International	Independent Financial Advisor	Pinpoint Asset Management
Agentis Capital Partners	Deloitte	ING	PJT Partners
AKAP Energy	Deutsche Bank	Intermediate Capital Group (ICG)	Problem Solving Tutor
Alexa Capital	Dial Partners	Jefferies	Psychometric Systems
Alphadyne Asset Management	East West Connect	JP Morgan	PwC
Alterarea EAF	Elara Capital	Kasikorn Asset Management	Rothschild
ARA Europe	EQT Group	KKR	Royal Bank of Canada
Ardian	Ernst & Young	KPMG	RSM UK
ARR Investment Partners	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	Kroll	S&P Global
Aviva Investors	European Leveraged Finance Association	LanTing Capital	Santander Corporate & Investment Banking UK
Axia Ventures Group	Evercore Partners	Law Firm Senica & Partners	ScotiaBank
Baird	EY-Parthenon	Lendable	Seabury Capital
Bank of America	Family Business	Lingotto	Shandong Gold Financial Holding
Bank of Thailand	Favour Capital	McKinsey & Company	Shanghai International Trust Corporation
Barclays	Five Arrows	Megabuyte	Shanghai Security
Berkeley Research Group	Global Gate	Minsheng Securities	SHL Consolidated Berhad
Better Energy	goetzpartners	Moelis & Company	Sinolink Securities
BlackRock	Goldman Sachs	Montagu Private Equity	STAR Capital Partnership LLP
BoldCap	Guotai Junan Securities	Morgan Stanley	Taiga Capital
Boston Consulting Group (BCG)	Haitong Securities	Newsec Infra	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC)
BTG Pactual	Homeric Capital Investment	NikeTown	Third Bridge
Celimene	Hongchuang Asset Management	Nomura	Torch Partners
China Asset Management Co	Houlihan Lokey	Nordhaven Corporate Finance	UBS
China International Capital Corporation (CICC)	HSBC	PAI Partners	Victory Hill Capital Partners
Cinven	HuaTai Securities Co.,Ltd.	Pareto Securities	Waterland Private Equity
Citi	Hubei Yongyehang Appraisal Consulting Co.	Partners Group	World Trade Organization
CITIC Securities	ICAMAP	Pathway Capital Management	Y TREE
Credit Agricole	IMPROVED	Ping An Insurance	Zoller Rechtsanwälte
CRU			

Finance Accelerator

Practical Skills Development

We believe that theory is symbiotic with application. As such, we provide extensive and dedicated careers support to help our students develop the professional know-how and acumen to become leaders in finance.

Even before enrolling at LSE, we begin to support and prepare our students to enter the job market. Our students benefit from our in-depth Finance Accelerator run by the Department of Finance, as well as a range of resources offered by LSE Careers.

Understanding the Sector

- Introductory seminars for different sectors
 - City Speaker Series – talks by industry professionals from a range of sectors
 - 1-to-1 careers consultations
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Skills Development

- Job application and cover letter workshops
 - Networking skills training
 - Communication and personal impact training day at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art
 - Interview practice, including video interviews
 - Financial Modelling
 - You The Brand
 - Entrepreneurial Bootcamp
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Recruitment Opportunities

- Campus recruitment fairs
- Employer presentations on and off campus
- Alumni panels, breakfasts and networking events
- Online jobs and internships board

Finance Accelerator

Year-Round Support

In order to ensure our students are prepared to embark on their career journey, we provide support at every stage of their studies.

Pre arrival:

- Virtual Careers Event
- Virtual Alumni Panel
- Summer 1-to-1 consultations
- Access to LSE CareerHub from July

September:

- Workshops
- Skills sessions
- City Speaker Series
- Alumni Panel
- Networking events

All Year:

- 1-to-1 appointments with specialist consultants
- Interview Practice, including video interviews with HILT
- Recruitment events
- Networking opportunities
- LSE CareerHub
- Applied teaching: case studies, interactive discussions and visiting expert speakers



“

Before coming to the LSE, I did not have any financial modelling experience, but by the time I finished the programme and started my summer internship, I was able to progress in my role much faster than anticipated thanks to the technical skills I had developed during the MSc Finance.

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Weronika Cisinska

2023: Santander, Corporate and Investment Banking
Graduate Programme, M&A Analyst

Finance Accelerator

Specialist Consultants

On top of the 1-to-1 appointments that can be booked with LSE Careers, our students have access to industry specialists working with the Department.



Sinead English

Experience:

- Career Growth Specialist, founder of HILT
- Works with organisations to design interview and selection processes
- 13 years experience working in JP Morgan's IBD

Specialties:

- 1-to-1 career training sessions, interview performance advice



Kenneth Lee

Experience:

- Professor in the Accounting and Finance research group at Loughborough Business School.
- Previously MD and Head of European Equity Research at Barclays Capital, MD and ranked Accounting and Valuation Analyst at Citi Investment Research

Specialties:

- CV reviews, mock interviews, case study practice and networking advice



Claire Kinselley

Experience:

- Executive coach and career development specialist with 15+ years' experience across the legal, professional and financial services sectors

Specialties:

- CV reviews, mock interviews, case study practice and networking advice



Richard Smith

Experience:

- Almost 25 years working for JP Morgan; roles included Head of Northern Europe Corporate Finance and other senior IBD positions

Specialties:

- Technical interview practice, CV and cover letter reviews, networking strategy

Alumni Advantage

Our students have access to an active and influential network of alumni who are leaders, thinkers and experts in their chosen fields across the world.

We organise regular events with our alumni, both at LSE and in the City of London:

Networking:

Events which provide the opportunity to meet and connect with those in the current and previous cohorts in both formal and less formal environments, usually in the evening time.

Talks and Presentations:

Company representatives are invited to deliver presentations, including coverage of cases and personal career journeys.

Panels:

Question and Answer format with recent graduates and more experienced alumni in specific sectors, held in the evening time.

Breakfasts:

Opportunities for smaller cohorts of students to connect with recent graduates in specific sectors, to learn how to start a graduate career pathway, usually over a business casual meal.

Ask an Alum:

LSE service for all members of the student community to ask alumni a range of questions that relate to student life, careers and more.



“

Besides lectures, we also had [financial] modelling training sessions which was tremendously helpful...

The [networking] events were great to make more connections in the City and also find out about different careers in finance paths from people who were already working in different positions. They were also great for job applications advice.

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Kadiata Kaba, 2023

*Citi, Industrials Investment Banking Team, Summer Intern
Now: Atlantra, Investment Banking Analyst*



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