WEBINAR

MASTER OF FINANCE
PRESENTERS

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AGENDA

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• Our finance reputation
• The Master of Finance Program
  • What you’ll learn
  • Real-world experience
  • Career support
  • Soft skills
• Admissions
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ABOUT THE MASTER OF FINANCE
Expected 2017 starting salaries for master of finance graduates in the U.S.

- **25th percentile**: $65,000
- **Median**: $80,000
- **75th percentile**: $95,500

*GMAC Corporate Recruiters Survey, 2017*
DO GOOD THROUGH FINANCE

• A finance career can be about more than a nice paycheck
• Give others life-long financial security
• Protect businesses, people, and property
• Play a part in saving lives
• Help more people become homeowners
• Support a cause you’re passionate about
TIPPIE’S FINANCE REPUTATION
RANKINGS

• We’ve been a destination to study finance for decades

• Financial Times worldwide “Best in Finance” ranking

• Tippie’s ranking
  • TOP TEN in six of the last seven years
  • 2016 — Ranked #1 Best in Finance worldwide
  • Currently ranked #4

• The only public school to appear in the Best in Finance rankings
TIPPIE’S MASTER OF FINANCE
THE BASICS

- Three-semester program
- Full-time, Monday through Thursday
- Iowa City, Iowa campus
OUR STRENGTHS

• Real-world experience
  • Build your resume with real projects. Secure an internship. Get hired.

• Flexible areas of emphasis
  • Drill down into what interests you: fixed income, equities, corporate finance, risk management, international finance

• Soft skills that help you climb the ladder
  • Communicate. Persuade. Build consensus.

• Innovative approaches
  • Flipped classrooms. Hybrid courses. Dedicated finance lab. Emphasis on data analytics.
REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE
RESUME BUILDER: HENRY FUND

• The Henry Fund
  • $6 million equity fund
  • Managed by Master of Finance students
  • Competitive screening
  • Create models and detailed financial valuation analysis
  • Make buy/sell decisions and monitor performance
  • Present to an advisory board of finance experts (many former Henry Funders)
RESUME BUILDER: FIXED INCOME FUND

• The Fixed Income Fund
  • All new
  • Managed by Master of Finance students

• Why fixed income?
  • Larger than the equity market (volume, number of securities available)

• Research and analyze bonds
• Find and research new investment opportunities
• Rebalance decisions
• Present to the advisory board
RESUME BUILDER: CONSULTING

• Consult for real clients in Iowa and around the country
• Guide a company’s major decisions:
  • New projects and capital budgeting
    • Should the firm introduce a new product? Enter a new market? Open a new factory?
  • Capital structure
    • How much should the firm borrow?
  • Private equity placement
    • Help a firm prepare for a non-public equity offering.
• Evaluate and analyze strategic options
  • Should a firm grow organically or grow through acquisitions?
  • If the latter, identify a strategically beneficial target
RESUME BUILDER: THE INTERNSHIP

• Summer internship
  • Between spring and second fall semester

• Hands-on experience to grow your resume
CAREER SUPPORT
CAREER SEARCH SUPPORT

• Graduate career services team to support you in:
  • Creating a resume that sings your praises
  • Honing your job interview skills
  • Gaining the specific skills needed to excel in finance interviews

• Career Services team
  • Create relationships with hiring companies
  • Promote students to hiring managers
  • Connect students with Tippie alumni at target companies
  • Guide you to a job that fits your experience, skills, and goals
STEM-DESIGNATED PROGRAM

• We are a designated STEM (science, technology, engineering & math) program

• STEM Optional Practical Training (OPT) program
  • Stay and work in the U.S. two years longer without employer sponsorship
  • Up to 2 years longer than typical OPT
SOFT SKILLS MATTER
GET IN, MOVE UP

• Quant skills to get in the door
• Soft skills to ascend into management

• Employers demand quants who can communicate well
  • Oral presentation skills
  • Persuasive writing skills

• Beyond words: communicate with numbers and data
  • How to visualize data and guide decisions

• Manage and lead
  • Constructive persuasion
  • Building consensus
TUITION & ADMISSION
TUITION & FINANCIAL AID

• Tuition and fees
  • Iowa resident ≈ $32,500 (3 semesters)
  • Non-resident ≈ $51,500 (3 semesters)

• Financial awards available for strong candidates (scholarships and graduate assistantships)

• 4+1 program for University of Iowa finance undergraduates
ADMISSION

Required

- Bachelor’s degree
  - Open to all majors – quantitative degree preferred
- GMAT or GRE
  - No minimum score
- GPA
  - Cumulative 3.0+
- TOEFL/IELTS
  - International candidates only.
  - 100 iBT, 7.0 IELTS
WHEN TO APPLY

Application deadlines

• International candidates: March 15, 2018
• Domestic candidates: June 1, 2018

Applying is easy

• Checklist
  • Resume
  • Transcripts (copies are okay)
  • Test scores (test-taker report okay)
  • Short statement of purpose
  • Contact information for two recommenders
QUESTION & ANSWER
THANK YOU

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