

Finance Master's programmes
Employment Report
Class of 2017



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Welcome from the Director of Careers

I am delighted to share with you the achievements of our 2017 graduates from our portfolio of Finance Master's programmes; MSc Finance, MSc Finance & Accounting, MSc Investment & Wealth Management, MSc Risk Management & Financial Engineering. On average, 94% of our 390 finance graduates were employed within three months of graduation. This is a magnificent reflection of their quality and skill set.

Our graduates are highly valued by our corporate partners; they were recruited by a range of top employers with Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, BCG, HSBC, Nomura, Accenture, The Boston Consulting Group, Citi, UBS, Deutsche Bank, PwC, Credit Suisse, Barclays, and Deloitte all hiring two or more of our students.

Our students are amongst the brightest and the best. They come from diverse academic and geographical environments, but they all share a passion for understanding the key drivers of modern finance. Our finance Master's programmes are intellectually rigorous and quantitative, covering a broad range of relevant topics to prepare students for their chosen finance career.

In this report, we share details of our graduates' achievements, including the sectors and regions that they are working in, all over the world.

As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our MSc Finance, it is pleasing to see that this long-established programme continues to deliver excellent employment prospects for

our graduates. This year we have seen an increase in the salaries our MSc Finance students command, with an average salary of £44,433 which is equivalent to US \$67,856 when PPP is applied to take into account the international spread of our graduates.

It has been a pleasure to support all of our finance students and our corporate partners by matching the roles and talent they were seeking. We wish them well and look forward to supporting them further in the future.



Lisa Umenyiora
Director of Careers,
Imperial College Business School



94% of 2017 graduates from our four Finance Master's programmes were employed within three months of graduation*

20 MSc Finance
Celebrating 20 years

Our employment report complies with current MBA CSEA reporting standards.

*Employment data is based on 85% of the number of graduates

MSc Finance

Class profile

Consistently ranked amongst the world's top global programmes, our MSc Finance has an excellent worldwide reputation and is a CFA partner programme.

Our students and graduates are a diverse community of brilliant minds from a number of different backgrounds and nationalities.

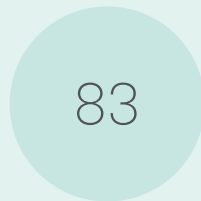
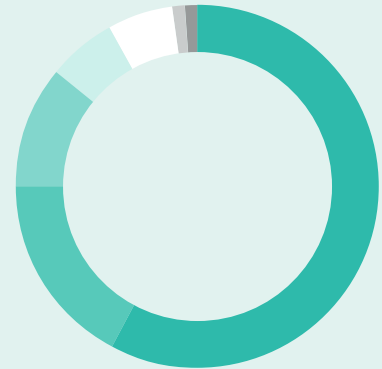


"The opportunity we had to work with students from all over the world and to develop ideas together in groups is fantastic."

Guillaume Hercot,
MSc Finance 2016-17
Equities Trading Analyst,
UBS

Degree background

- 58% Economics
- 17% Finance/Accounting
- 11% Mathematics
- 6% Engineering/Technology
- 6% Business/Management
- 1% Science
- 1% Computing



Students



Nationalities



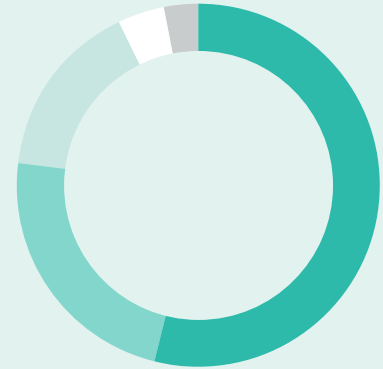
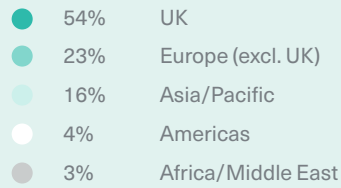
Average Age



MSc Finance Employment data

95% of our MSc Finance 2017 graduates seeking employment accepted a job offer within three months of graduation, with almost half of them securing a position outside their home country.*

Employment by region



Employment by sector



“I received a very tailored service from Careers. They advised me which finance sector I would excel in more, which helped focus my job search.”

Yasemin Ozdogan,
MSc Finance 2016-17
Investment Banking Analyst,
Goldman Sachs

Employers

Our MSc Finance 2017 graduates gained employment at a wide range of top global companies including:

Accenture

BAML

Barclays

BlackRock

BNP Paribas

China Development Bank

Citi

Credit Suisse

Deloitte

Deutsche Bank

Evercore

EY

Goldman Sachs

Hong Kong Monetary Authority

HSBC

Jefferies

KAM Portfolio Management Ltd

McKinsey & Company

Morgan Stanley

Nomura

PwC

Rothschild

S&P Global

Société Générale

The Boston Consulting Group

UBS



“Imperial College Business School has such a strong reputation with employers. I am very ambitious and I studied MSc Finance because I wanted to have qualifications to help me secure a position at a top company.”

Maeva Montagnier,
MSc Finance 2016-17
Incoming Global Capital Markets Analyst,
Morgan Stanley

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Deutsche Bank



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**Goldman
Sachs**

HSBC



McKinsey&Company

Morgan Stanley

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 **UBS**



Salaries

£44k

Average
starting salary
£44,433

\$68k

Average
starting salary
(US Dollars PPP*)
\$67,856

Salary by sector

Sector	UK Pounds	UK Pounds (PPP*)	US Dollars (PPP*)
Investment Banking	£51,703	£53,994	\$77,577
Consulting	£41,080	£44,157	\$63,444
Sales & Trading	£47,143	£47,143	\$67,734
Finance - Other	£40,126	£44,257	\$63,587

Salary by region

Region	UK Pounds	UK Pounds (PPP*)	US Dollars (PPP*)
UK	£46,904	£46,904	\$67,391
Europe (excluding UK)	£49,680	£46,821	\$67,271
Asia/Pacific	£25,739	£39,322	\$56,496
Rest of the world (Americas, Middle East, Africa)	£44,655	£64,413	\$92,547

The figures above refer to the graduates who were seeking employment and shared employment data with us.

*Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) average is included to reflect the local purchasing power of our graduates who are being paid in a currency other than UK sterling. PPP rates have been calculated using the IMF World Economic Outlook Database from October 2017.

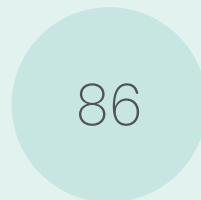
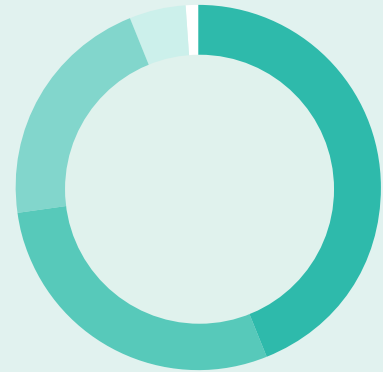
MSc Finance & Accounting

Class profile

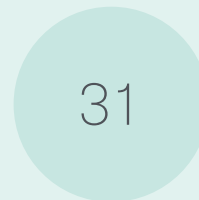
This specialist programme accredited by both ACCA and CIMA is designed to prepare students from business backgrounds for careers in financial or professional services.

Degree background

- 44% Finance/Accounting
- 29% Business/Management
- 21% Economics
- 5% Engineering/Technology
- 1% Mathematics



Students



Nationalities



Average Age

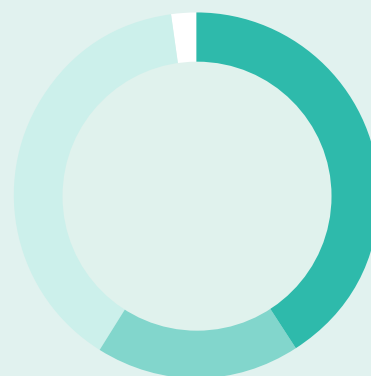
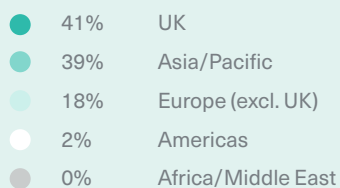


MSc Finance & Accounting

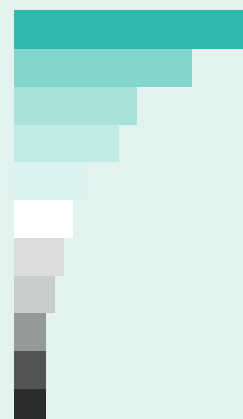
Employment data

97% of our MSc Finance & Accounting 2017 graduates seeking employment accepted a job offer within three months of graduation.*

Employment by region



Employment by sector



“I wanted to hone my skills in corporate finance. Having interned previously in Investment Banking, I understood that having a strong foundation in valuation and corporate finance truly enhances the experience of working in financial advisory.”

Yash Shah,
MSc Finance & Accounting 2016-17
Investment Banking Analyst, Lazard

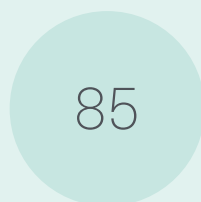
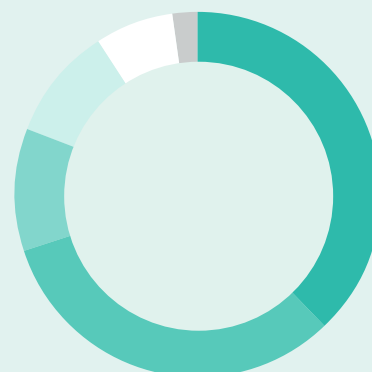
MSc Investment & Wealth Management

Class profile

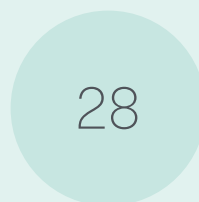
A unique programme with a strong theoretical grounding that prepares graduates for careers in investment, wealth and asset management.

Degree background

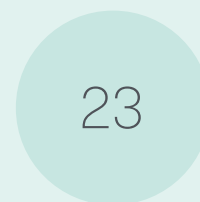
- 38% Finance/Accounting
- 32% Economics
- 11% Mathematics
- 10% Engineering/Technology
- 7% Business/Management
- 2% Science



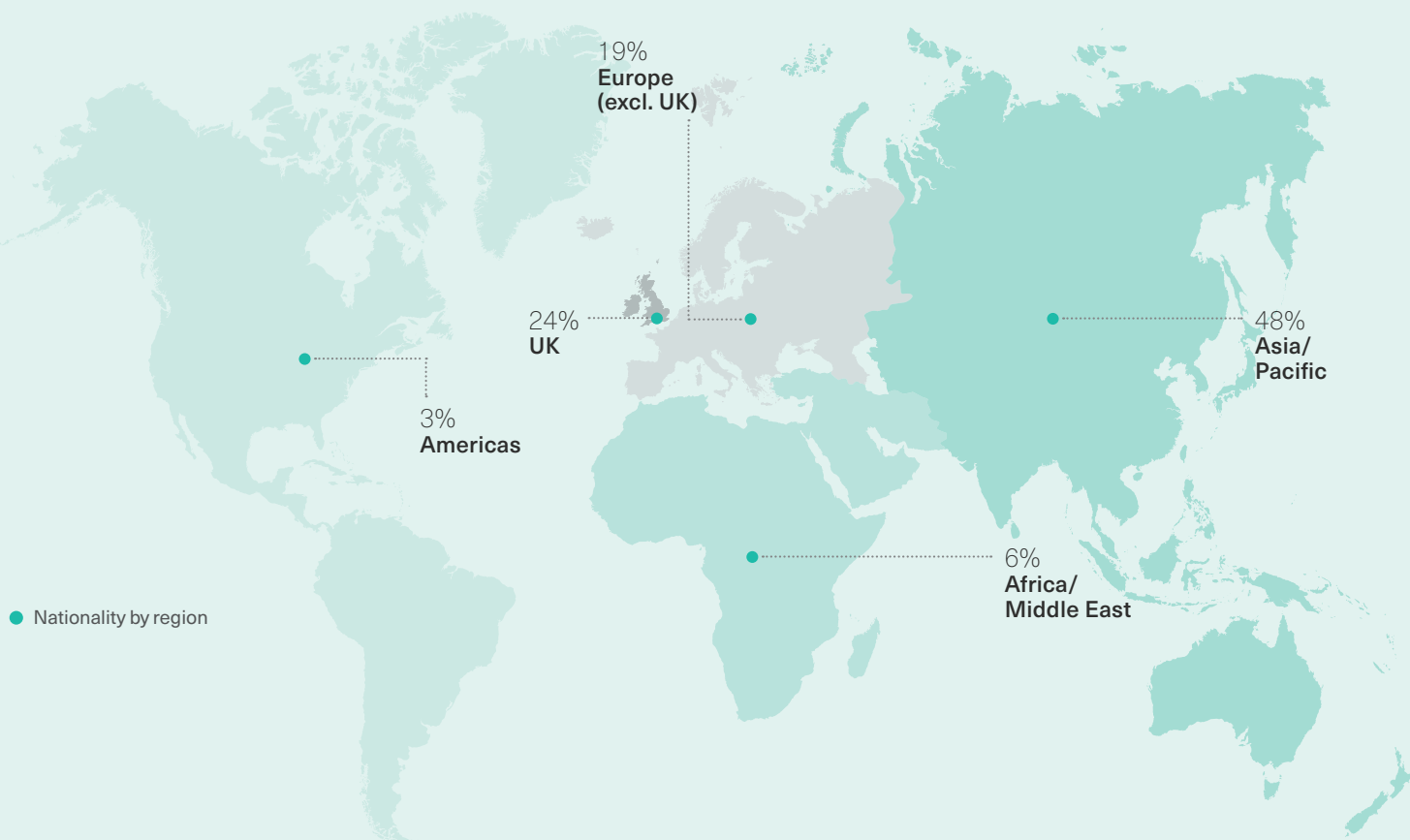
Students



Nationalities



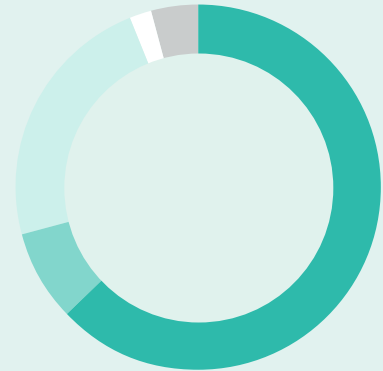
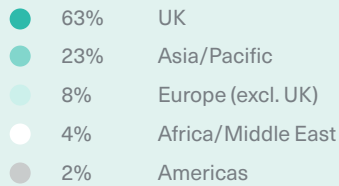
Average Age



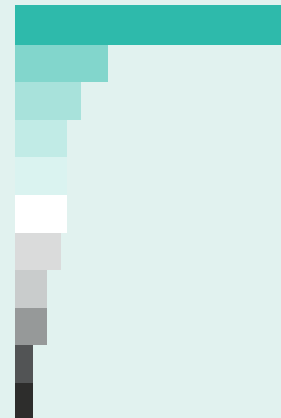
MSc Investment & Wealth Management Employment data

93% of our MSc Investment & Wealth Management 2017 graduates seeking employment accepted a job offer within three months of graduation.*

Employment by region



Employment by sector



“When I started at Imperial my career goals were to start on a graduate programme in London within a major investment bank. I can now proudly say I have achieved this objective and will even be on a rotational programme that lets me rotate within the bank as well as across geographic locations.”

Nicolas Moura,
MSc Investment
& Wealth Management 2016-17
Graduate Trainee, Berenberg

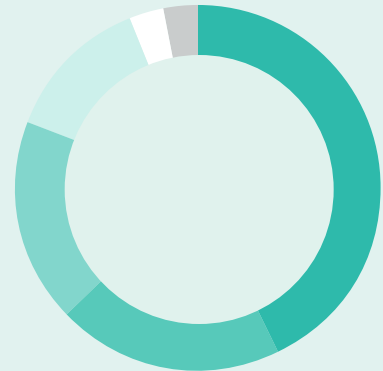
MSc Risk Management & Financial Engineering

Class profile

A highly technical programme accredited by the Professional Risk Manager's International Association (PRMIA), that prepares graduates for careers in financial engineering and risk management.

Degree background

- 43% Mathematics
- 20% Economics
- 18% Finance/Accounting
- 13% Engineering/Technology
- 3% Business/Management
- 3% Science



Students



Nationalities



Average Age

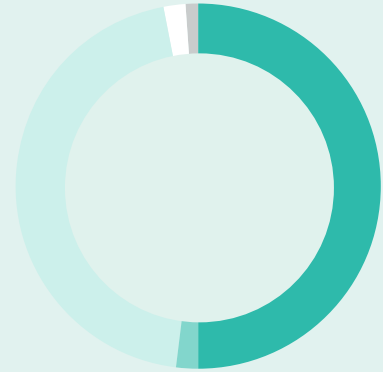


MSc Risk Management & Financial Engineering Employment data

92% of our MSc Risk Management & Financial Engineering 2017 graduates seeking employment accepted a job offer within three months of graduation.*

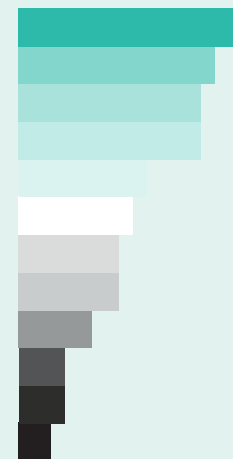
Employment by region

- 50% UK
- 45% Asia/Pacific
- 2% Europe (excl. UK)
- 2% Americas
- 1% Africa/Middle East



Employment by sector

Asset/Investment Management	16%
Investment Banking	14%
Consulting	13%
Risk Management	13%
Sales & Trading	9%
Quant & Financial Engineering	8%
General Finance	7%
Fintech/E-commerce	7%
Banking	5%
Insurance	3%
Private Equity/Venture Capital	3%
Other	2%



Example roles include:

Data Analyst

Financial Engineer

Investment Analyst

Quant Analyst

Quant Engineer

Risk Analyst



“Careers not only provide the link between students and employers, but more importantly, they give very useful advice and skills training all the time. I think the career support I received is one of the key factors that helped me find a job in London.”

Qianni Zhang
MSc Risk Management &
Financial Engineering 2016-17
Business Analyst Intern,
Deutsche Bank

Build a successful career

Imperial College Business School Careers provides world-class support, advice and guidance that is tailored to your own individual career aspirations and is an integral part of our Finance Master's programmes.

A number of personalised services are provided before you start and throughout your time at the Business School to support you in securing a successful job in the finance sector.

Online career modules

You will begin your journey with Careers before you start the programme, with access to a wide suite of online career modules. These modules will help you develop your career strategy, understand how to effectively market yourself and ultimately find a career that is perfect for you. Hints and tips from recruiters and current students will help maximise your chance of finding your ideal job.

The **Foundations for Careers Success** online module accelerates your career development and ensures you are ready to work with Careers as soon as you set foot on campus. You will examine your key skills, interests, values and motivators and learn how to use that knowledge to build a CV. After uploading your CV using our template, you will be ready to hit the ground running in September.

The **Introduction to Finance Careers** online module helps you prepare for roles in the finance sector. It will give you an overview of career options within the sector, help define your application strategy and give you the tools to develop your market knowledge and commercial awareness.

The Finance Industry Careers Course

When you join the programme in September, you will begin The Finance Industry Careers Course (FICC) which allows you to explore the financial sector and its recruitment market. The module includes practical careers sessions, providing you with the necessary skills to successfully complete your finance graduate job applications.

One-to-one support

Throughout the year you will have access to our team of expert Careers Consultants, who will support your career development and help you find your dream job. A range of one-to-one appointments are available offering the following services:

Career planning to identify your skills and strengths and refine your career strategy

Reviewing your CV and cover letters to ensure you are presenting yourself in the best possible way

Practicing your 'pitch' or improving your LinkedIn profile

Mock interviewing to gain specific feedback on your interview technique

Case study or case interview practice sessions using example questions that will be used by the employer

Technical interview preparation

Guidance on how to negotiate job offers

Your Careers support does not end when you graduate, you can continue to call upon our Careers Consultants as an alumnus.



"The online career modules helped me to update and improve my CV greatly. I was extremely happy to get my job offer from J.P. Morgan, because it involved a lot of hard work."

Théo Thomas
MSc Finance 2016-17
Investment Banking Analyst,
J.P. Morgan

Connecting with employers

Our Employer Relations team is responsible for building and developing sustainable relationships with top employers that our students aspire to work for. We pride ourselves on offering a first class service to our corporate contacts, students and alumni, and host a number of events to help students gain the commercial awareness they will require to be successful through the assessment process and beyond. We work closely with a number of large employers such as Amazon, Apple, Morgan Stanley, Dyson, McKinsey, LVMH, Kraft-Heinz, and JP Morgan, alongside small and medium sized firms and start-ups. We connect employers to Business School talent through a variety of bespoke activities including:

Guest lectures

As part of your academic programme, we host prominent guest lectures from leading companies to give you industry insight and a perspective into the key challenges facing businesses today.

Industry-specific careers fairs

We hold a number of careers fairs such as the Consulting & Finance and Corporate & Technology fairs, which provide you with the opportunity to network with representatives from companies in your chosen sector to gain further insight into their organisation.

Recruitment presentations

Our recruitment presentations offer you the chance to engage with top companies from a variety of sectors, where you will find out about opportunities within their organisations and what they look for when recruiting graduates.

Networking events

We have established partnerships with London-based and international organisations, offering you the opportunity to connect and network with some of the most forward-thinking companies in the world. An invaluable opportunity to meet employers before your interview.

Student clubs

The Business School supports a number of student-led clubs which bring together students with similar areas of career interest and/or professional backgrounds. These provide opportunities to learn from and network with students, alumni and other professionals, as well as build links with relevant employers in the sector and learn about the type of roles available and the skills needed. The Business School has

clubs aligned to the core industry sectors of Consulting, Energy & Sustainability, Finance, FMCG, Healthcare, Luxury and Retail, Social Impact and Technology & Media.

Industry-specific events

If you have aspirations to work in a specific sector, Imperial College Business School Careers organise a range of industry-focused activities, to provide you with deeper knowledge and sector relevant commercial awareness to give you an edge in your interview. These include:

'In Focus' events which offer intense, practical insights into Investment Banking, Asset Management, Sales & Trading and Consulting, delivered by industry experts from top firms such as Deutsche Bank, Jefferies, Nomura, Citibank, Evercore and Goldman Sachs

One-to-one consultations with finance industry experts

Finance case study practice sessions

Stock Pitch sessions

Drop-in sessions for job applications to be reviewed or to ask specific questions about the finance sector

Group sessions to review current business news to build your confidence in presenting commercial awareness in interview situations

E-resources

You will have access to a wealth of excellent career e-resources to help you with initial career ideas all the way through to negotiating a job offer. These include insightful industry guides and company information, access to industry experts for informational interviewing, and guidance on pay negotiation. You will also benefit from practical resources such as case study prep and psychometric tests to help you prepare for the recruitment process and interviews in your chosen industry. You will have access to Wall Street Prep, which will enable you to improve your advanced Excel and financial modelling skills early, essential if you are aspiring to enter the fields of Investment Banking, Private Equity or Corporate Finance.



"I found the books and interview guides in Careers very helpful, as well as the mock interview practice. These services provided me with the technical knowledge and confidence I needed for my job interviews."

Benedicte Aune,
MSc Finance 2016-17
Investment Banking Analyst,
Morgan Stanley

MSc programme portfolio

Our MSc programmes will equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue your ambitions and are an excellent investment in your future. With access to our world-class faculty and their cutting-edge research, you will find that studying with us opens doors across the world.

Finance Master's programmes

MSc Finance

MSc Finance & Accounting

MSc Investment & Wealth Management

MSc Risk Management & Financial Engineering

Management Master's programmes

MSc Management

Specialised Master's programmes

MSc Business Analytics

MSc Climate Change, Management & Finance

MSc Economics & Strategy for Business

MSc Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Management

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