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Common Career Paths for MSF Grads

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Finance Focuses on:

STUDIES how to raise capital and how to effectively deploy it

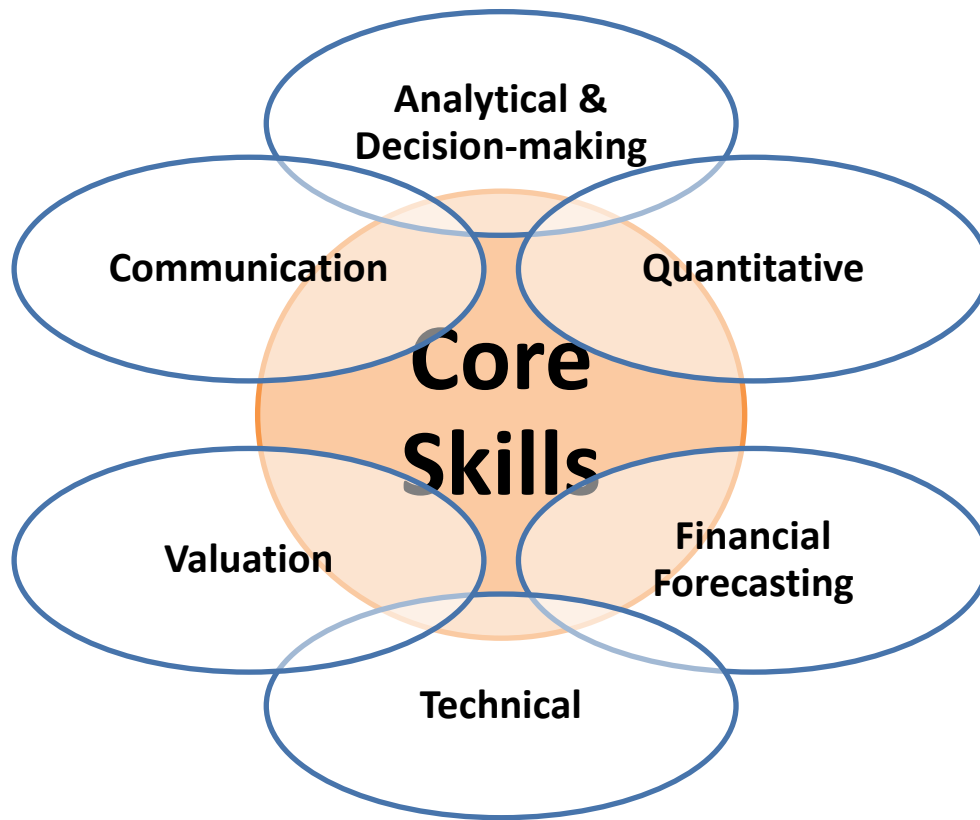
BUILDS on concepts from economics, accounting, statistics,
psychology

UNDERSTAND the time value of money

Unique Advantages



General Skills Summary



Careers in Finance

- Investment management
- Wealth management
- Corporate finance
- Investment banking
- Private equity / venture capital
- Consulting
- Real estate finance & development
- Risk management & insurance



GROSVENOR



William Blair



MOELIS & COMPANY



J.P.Morgan



Deloitte.



McKinsey & Company

DUFF & PHELPS



BAIN & COMPANY



A quick intro to

MSF Specializations - Career Paths in Finance

MSF Specializations: Asset Management



General Info



Main Responsibilities

- **Manage** investment portfolios
- Stocks, bonds and/or cash
- **Individuals** and **firms**



Work Environment

- Professional investment firms
- Mutual funds, pension funds, hedge funds



Skills and Personality Traits

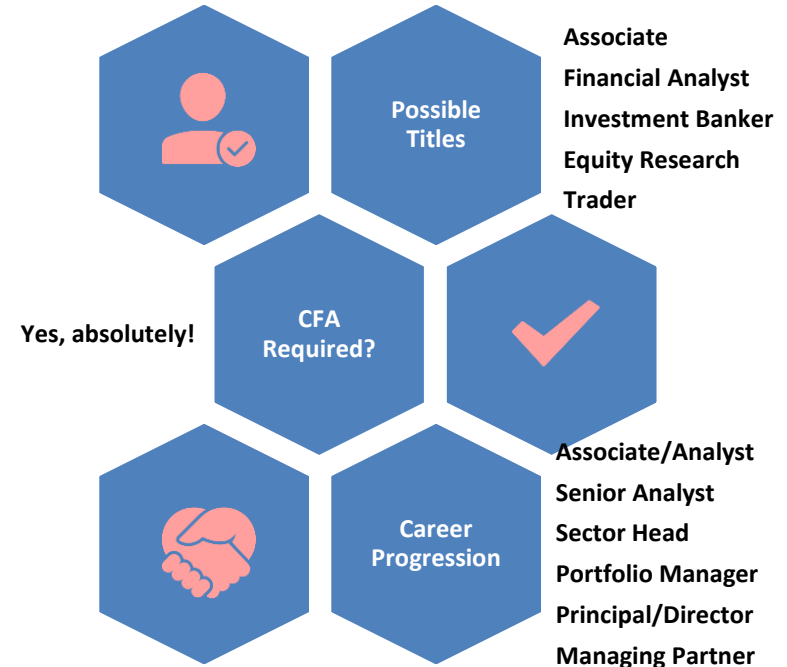
- **Stock valuation**, accounting
- **Teamwork** skills
- **Strong quantitative & computer programming** skills
- Verbal & written **communication**



Possible Career Paths

- Mutual/Pension Fund
- Hedge Fund
- Asset Management within an Investment Bank


Career Outlook



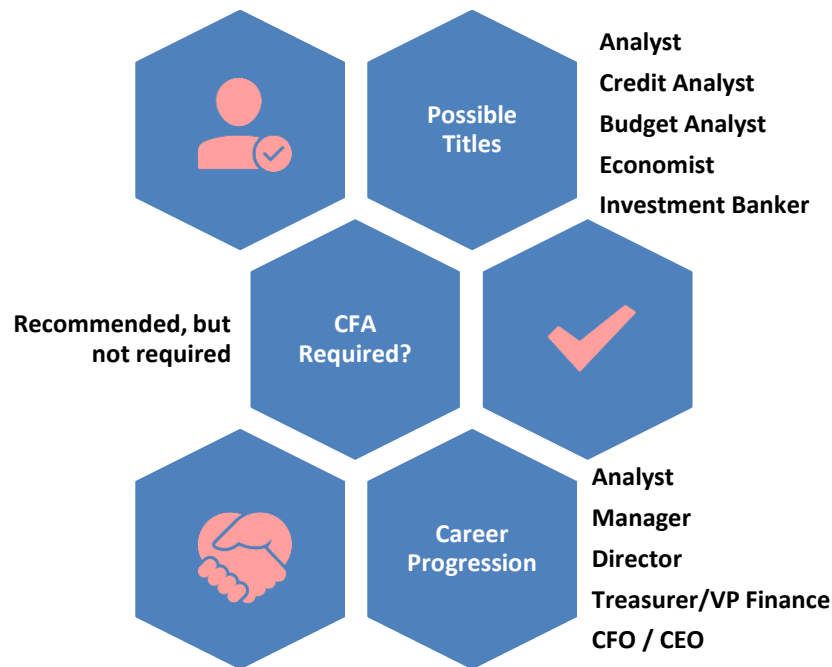
MSF Specializations: Corporate Finance



General Info

 <p>Main Responsibilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage and inform financial decisions within firms • Identify investment projects • Raising financing for projects • Determine earnings return to owners, maximize value
 <p>Work Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporations • Investment banks & firms • Consulting firms
 <p>Skills and Personality Traits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate finance/accounting • Excellent communication skills • Up-to-date with economy & trends
 <p>Possible Career Paths</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate • Investment banking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulge bracket, mid-tier, boutique • Consulting

Career Outlook



MSF Specializations: Data Analytics & Fintech



General Info



Main Responsibilities

- **Leverage** machine learning, artificial intelligence
- **Collect data, analyze, identify** trends, savings, risks, costs, etc.
- Use Fintech to disrupt industry



Work Environment

- Hedge funds & Investment banks
- Ratings corporations
- Fintech companies / Start-ups



Skills and Personality Traits

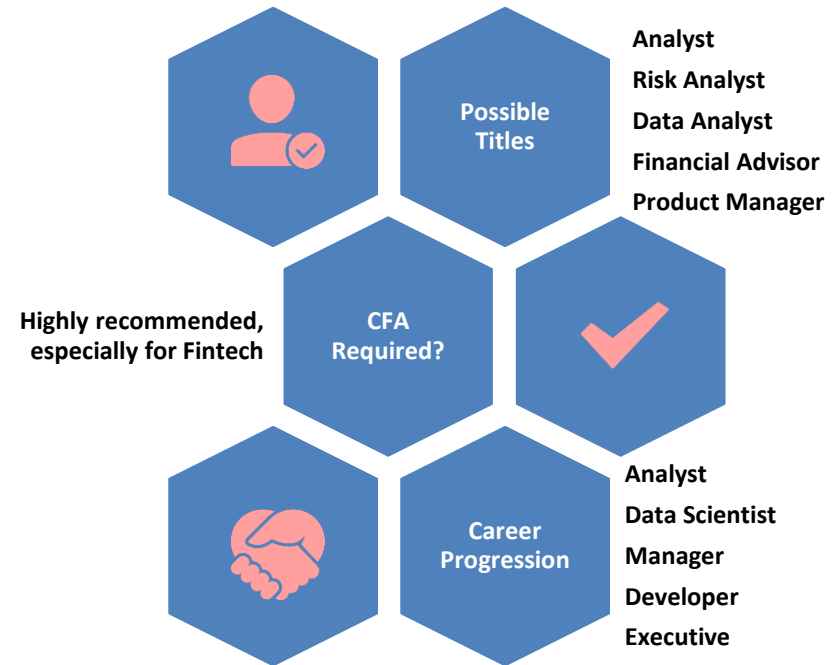
- **Strong programming** & analytics
- Financial **knowledge**
- **Communication**
- **Innovation** in problem solving



Possible Career Paths

- Traditional investment banking
- Quantitative finance
- Risk rating
- Emerging Fintech

Career Outlook



MSF Specializations: Quantitative Finance



General Info



Main Responsibilities

- **Make decision** using mathematical models, numerical methods & computer simulations
- **Solve** risk management, taxation, regulation & valuation **problems**



Work Environment

- Trading & risk management firms
- Corporations & investment banks
- Financial institutions



Skills and Personality Traits

- Strong **quantitative** analysis
- Computer **programming**
- Python and R
- Finance **fundamentals**
- Communication



Possible Career Paths

- Trading and risk management
- Investment management
- Securities valuation
- Financial reporting

Career Outlook



Other Career Paths: Government, Non-profit, Academia, Financial Institutions



**Business
Valuation**

**Financial
Planning**



Risk Analysis

**Bank
Examiner**



**Government
Financial
Management**

**Treasury
Enforcement**



**Finance Education
and Institutions**

**Licensing
Organizations**





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MSF Career Outcomes

Sample Job Titles of MSF Graduates

- Associate, Valuation Services
- Business Analyst
- Credit Risk Associate
- Data Analyst
- Equity Research Analyst
- Financial Advisor Associate
- Financial Analyst
- Investment Analyst
- Investment Banking Analyst
- Investment Research Analyst
- Management Trainee
- Model Validation Analyst
- Product Analyst
- Risk Analyst
- Risk Management Associate
- Strats Analyst
- Trading Assistant

Employers Hiring MSF Graduates

- Allstate Insurance Company
- American Express
- AXIS Capital
- Ayco, A Goldman Sachs Company
- Bank of Communications
- Bloomberg Asia
- BMO Harris
- Bank Chicago Trading Company
- Citi
- CITIC Securities
- Deloitte
- Discover Financial Services
- Enfusion
- Equity Methods
- EY
- General Motors
- Goldman Sachs
- Grant Thornton
- HSBC
- JP Morgan Chase
- KPMG
- Morgan Stanley
- Morningstar
- Nanhua USA
- Northern Trust Bank
- PayPal
- PNC Financial Services
- PWC
- UBS
- Wells Fargo



Top Destinations of Recent MSF Grads



Chicago, IL

Urbana-
Champaign, IL

New York City,
NY

San Francisco,
CA

Santa Clara,
CA

Los Angeles,
CA

Huntsville, AL

Dallas, TX

Minneapolis,
MN

Top Global Destinations of Recent MSF Grads



China

United
States

Turkey

Taiwan

Saudi Arabia

Thailand

Japan

Indonesia

Kazakhstan

Korea

Singapore

Netherlands



MSF Summer 2021 Interns



Ocean Leap Capital

- Summer Intern



Synchrony (Research Park)

- Emerging Technology Intern



Ernst & Young (Chicago)

- Summer Intern



AXIS Reinsurance (Research Park)

- Summer Intern, CAT Modeling Support

Employers Who Hired MSF Grads in 2020 -2021

US-BASED

- 49 Financial – Financial Professional
- Ceera Investments – Analyst/Portfolio Manager
- CIBC – Operations Analyst
- Equity Methods
- EY – Complex Securities Valuation
- Goldman Sachs – Credit Risk Analyst
- Gulf Stream Asset Mgmt – Research Analyst
- Hibbett Sports, Inc. – Financial Analyst
- Jordan, Knauff & Co. – Investment Bank Analyst
- Kroll Bond Rating Agency – Senior Analyst
- Resilience Inc. – Financial Analyst
- SLCG – Financial Analyst
- Stride, Inc. – Financial Analyst, Corporate FP&A

NON-US BASED

- Changjiang Securities – Investment Bank Associate
- CICC – Investment Analyst
- Citigroup – Analyst
- Deloitte China – Associate; Business Analyst
- Deloitte India - Consultant
- GF Fund Management
- ICBC – Junior Manager
- KPMG China – Accountant
- Nan Shan Life Insurance – Fixed Income Analyst
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) – Advisor
- PT Danareksa Investment (Indonesia) – Risk Management
- Texas Instruments – Finance, Acctg & Operations Analyst
- Tianhong Asset Management – Sales & Marketing



Fall 2021 Career Prep BootCamp



Day 1
Thursday
August 19th

9am-12pm

Job Search
Strategies for
Today's Global
Job Market

Connect
Resume &
LinkedIn

Common Career
Paths for MSF
Students

Day 2
Friday
August 20st

9am-12pm

**Job Search
Strategies for
International
Students**

**Having Great
Conversations
During the Job
Search**

**Preparing for
Fall Recruiting**

