



Finance Career Pathway

Finance professionals tackle critical challenges in today's global economy, providing strategic insights to corporations, startups, government agencies, and nonprofits. The Finance Career Pathway equips students with the skills and opportunities needed for success. Through coaching, professional networking, and technical interview preparation, scholars will be prepared for rewarding careers in investment banking, wealth management, private equity, venture capital, corporate finance, and more.

Common College Majors

- Finance
- Accounting
- Economics
- Mathematics
- Data Science
- Computer Science

Key Industry Skills

- Quantitative and Analytical skills
- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Project Management
- Excel Proficiency

Potential Specialization

- Investment Banking
- Wealth Management
- Private Equity
- Corporate Finance

Starting Salary Range

- \$80,000–120,000

Thrive Scholars Finance Pathway Alumni Spotlight



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Carnegie Mellon University, 2018
Chemical Engineering & Public Policy
Major
Portfolio Analyst, Payden & Rygel

Example Finance Career Pathway Trajectories

Undergrad

- Join finance-related clubs and organizations
- Attend finance-related workshops, info sessions, and recruiting events
- Research and apply to internship programs offered by finance companies, investment banks, asset management firms, and other relevant organizations
- Participate in internships to gain hands-on experience and exposure to the industry

Corporate Finance Entry-Level Jobs

- Financial Analyst
- Cost Analyst
- Business Analyst

Early Career: Undergrad - Year 3

Financial Advising Entry-Level Jobs

- Analyst
- Support Advisor
- Associate Financial Planner

Revenue Generating Entry-Level Jobs

- Investment Banking Analyst
- Private Equity Analyst
- Sales & Trading Analyst

Mid-Level Jobs in Corporate Finance

- Risk Manager
- Strategic Planner
- Senior Financial Analyst
- Mergers & Acquisitions Manager

Mid-Career: Years 4-6

Financial Advising Mid-Level Jobs

- Certified Financial Planner
- Asset Manager
- Senior Advisor
- Certified Public Accountant

Revenue Generating Mid-Level Jobs

- Investment Banker
- Private Equity Associate
- Equity Risk Associate
- Stockbroker

Senior-Level Jobs

- Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- Treasurer
- Controller

Senior Level: Year 7+

Senior-Level Jobs

- Lead Advisor
- Partner

Senior-Level Jobs

- Investment Banking VP
- Private Equity VP
- Lead Portfolio Manager

Note: These are just a few examples of Finance career trajectories. There are numerous variations and applications of finance knowledge and skills across multiple industries. Additionally, career paths are often non-linear and can vary widely.