EARN A MASTERS DEGREE IN FINANCE WHILE YOU CONTINUE TO WORK

A one-year program starting in June at our Toronto campus.
The Queen’s Master of Finance is an intense program that power-shifted my career into Sales & Trading. The instructors were extremely qualified and genuinely cared about the professional progress of their students. Many of them willingly shared their impressive networks of contacts. The mixed backgrounds of the instructors, from academia to Bay Street, broadened my perspective, from a knowledge point of view to a practical one. The curriculum had great balance, covering a broad spectrum of finance topics while providing the right tools to succeed in specific jobs.

Daniel Yang, MFin
Associate, Institutional Foreign Exchange and Commodities
TD Securities
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Expand Your Knowledge • Deepen Your Understanding • Accelerate Your Career

If you’re looking to put yourself on the fast-track to a career as an investment banker, asset manager or financial analyst, Queen’s Master of Finance is the program for you.

The Queen’s Master of Finance program will provide a deeper and broader understanding of Finance, and it will equip you with the knowledge and tools to move immediately from theory to real-world applications.

A World-Class Degree in One Year, While You Work

Smith School of Business at Queen’s University offers this unique opportunity to accelerate your career while you continue to work. Classes will be held one evening per week, and one day on alternate weekends, at our downtown Toronto campus. Because you complete the program while continuing in your current job, the opportunity cost of lost wages is eliminated, making this program an exceptional value when compared to full-time Master’s degree programs.

“Must-Have Degree”

The Financial Times has called a Master’s degree in Finance the “must-have degree” for people pursuing a career in investment banking or asset management. The increasing globalization of the financial sector has created the need for recognized qualifications for those who work in finance.

From Theory to Practical Application

As a graduate of the program, you will have acquired the knowledge and skills needed to make an immediate impact. You will have a solid understanding of the current financial climate and market trends, and the ability to communicate ideas and information accurately and concisely. The program curriculum is delivered by a combination of Smith School of Business faculty and industry specialists, providing you with practical and current, real-world application of financial concepts and tools.

CFA Exam Preparation

The Queen’s Master of Finance program is a CFA Institute Program Partner. We also maintain close relationships with CFA Society Toronto. These relationships provide Master of Finance students with numerous benefits including opportunities to attend CFA events, high profile guest speakers, CFA scholarships, etc. We also provide optional preparation sessions for those interested in writing the CFA Level 1 exam in December, and the CFA Level 2 and 3 exams in June. The Economist has called the CFA the “gold standard among investment analysis designations.”
Queen’s is consistently ranked among Canada’s very best universities. Established in 1841, Queen’s has a rich tradition of academic excellence. It has long enjoyed the reputation of “Canada’s Ivy League” university, attracting students from across the country and around the world. Queen’s graduates have made indelible marks on the national and international landscape, through their contributions to science, the arts, business and government. The extensive alumni network of more than 180,000 graduates spans 154 countries. You will find Queen’s graduates in positions of leadership around the world. Queen’s University is located in Kingston, Ontario — one of Canada’s most vibrant small cities.
In addition to its highly acclaimed Master’s programs, Smith School of Business is also home to Canada’s most prestigious undergraduate business program and an outstanding doctoral program. As well, the School is one of the world’s largest and most respected providers of executive education.

**Thought Leadership – Smith Business Insight**

Smith School of Business has an impressive record of cutting-edge research and thought leadership, and both faculty and graduate students enjoy access to numerous resources that support this effort. Smith Business Insight ([ssb.ca/insight](http://ssb.ca/insight)) provides a platform to share insights with the world.

**Globally Connected**

Due to its strong reputation, Smith School of Business attracts top students from across Canada and around the world. The School maintains international exchange partnerships with 100+ respected business schools in over 40 countries, and welcomes more than 300 international exchange students annually.

**Internationally Accredited**

Smith School of Business is fully accredited by the world’s leading accreditation bodies: the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) in the USA, and EQUIS through the European Foundation for Management Development.

**Game Plan**

Smith School of Business is a founding partner of Game Plan, helping Canada’s Olympic and Paralympic athletes transition to their post-athletic careers.
From Theory to Practice

The program curriculum is designed to move quickly from financial theory to practical real-world applications. It includes several sessions led by industry specialists and practitioners. Additionally, there is a strong focus on developing your communication and presentation skills.

First Semester (June - November)

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For me, the highlight of the program was the people – the students, faculty, and staff. It was a great learning experience and it helped me transition into a front office role which, as many people know, is difficult to do. I would definitely recommend this program and the Queen’s Alumni Network is a great resource to have as a financial professional.

Rees Barnett, MFin
Associate
Kensington Capital Partners
Toronto, ON

*Curriculum is subject to change
The program begins in June and consists of two semesters. Both semesters begin with a one-week session. The first is a residential session held at the Queen’s campus in Kingston, Ontario and the second, as well as the balance of your classes, is held at our downtown Toronto campus.

**Program Schedule**

The schedule is designed to enable you to complete the program while you continue to work. Please visit our website for a complete schedule ssb.ca/mfin. The class is divided into two sections. Classes are scheduled as follows.

**SECTION A**

Evening classes are held every Monday. Weekend classes are held every other Sunday.

**SECTION B**

Evening classes are held every Tuesday. Weekend classes are held every other Saturday.

**Optional CFA Levels 1, 2 and 3 Exam Preparation**

You may choose to write the CFA Level 1 exam at the end of the first semester and the Level 2 exam at the end of the second semester, although neither of these are mandatory. You will have time in November and May to prepare for these exams and optional exam preparation classes will be held.

“The Queen’s Master of Finance program provides students with a proper curriculum – one that covers the full spectrum of content that practitioners need to successfully manage risk in today’s financial markets. This isn’t a math degree disguised as a Finance degree – this is a degree for those who want to thoroughly understand the principles of finance.”

Mike Durland
Retired Group Head & CEO
Global Banking and Markets
Scotiabank
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Experiential learning, or “learning by doing” is one of the most effective ways to learn. Students in the Queen’s Master of Finance program not only study the theoretical concepts, but apply these concepts to real-life opportunities.

**Queen’s University Alternative Asset Fund**

QUAAF is the only student run hedge fund in North America and was the brainchild of four Queen’s Master’s students. The student management group consists of a mix of MBA and Master of Finance students that comprise an Executive Committee and teams of Analysts. They are supported by an Advisory Committee of industry professionals. This fund has been seeded with contributions from alumni and friends of Queen’s, and all proceeds contribute to the maintenance and expansion of the fund.

**CFA Institute Research Challenge**

As a Queen’s Master of Finance student, you may have the opportunity to participate in the CFA Institute Research Challenge. This is a competition between university-sponsored teams that involves researching a designated publicly traded company, preparing a written report on that company and presenting your findings to a panel of judges. Competition takes place at the national, regional and global level.
STATE-OF-THE-ART LEARNING FACILITIES

The program includes a one-week residential session at Queen’s campus in Kingston to kick off the program. A second one-week session and the remainder of classes are held at our downtown Toronto campus, located on the 30th floor at 200 Front Street West. In addition to classrooms, meeting rooms and program offices, the campus is also home to the IBM Canada | Smith Cognitive Computing Centre.
OUTSTANDING FACULTY TEAM

In the Queen’s Master of Finance program, you will be working with some of the best management educators in North America, as well as numerous industry representatives who bring their experience into the classroom.

Exceptional Academic Credentials

The professors who teach in the program are award-winning teachers, widely-published researchers and authors of numerous books. They are experts at merging theory and application. Using a blend of case studies, briefings, class discussions and experiential learning, your professors will create a classroom experience that is energized and exciting.

Industry Specialists and Practitioners

In addition to Smith School of Business faculty, several sessions will be led by industry specialists and practitioners. This ensures that you are being fully briefed on current trends and practices from the perspective of people who are currently working in the industry.

Committed to Your Success

The faculty at Smith School of Business is committed to your success, both academically and in your career. For that reason, you will find them very approachable and available to answer questions and provide assistance outside of class time. The Smith learning model fosters close working relationships between faculty and students.

“The faculty was very knowledgeable, experienced and obviously in tune with the markets. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet and speak with many guest speakers and industry professionals who visited during the program.”

Frank Balazic, MFin
Portfolio Manager
Scotia Wealth Management
Toronto, ON
MASTER OF FINANCE / MBA DOUBLE DEGREE OPTIONS

Qualified students have the option of pursuing a Queen’s MBA in addition to the Master of Finance degree. For details on these options, please visit our website ssb.ca/mfin

Option 1
(FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE MFIN PROGRAM)

Some MFin course credits can be applied to the MBA degree, resulting in a corresponding reduction in MBA tuition fees.

Option 2
(FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE STARTED THE MFIN PROGRAM)

At any time during the first 4 months of the MFin program, you may decide to pursue the MFin/MBA option. You will join the Queen’s full-time MBA class starting in January and then complete your MFin studies when the MBA program ends in December. In total, this option can be completed in 24 months. Your program staff will provide you with schedule and cost information at that time.

Option 3
(FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT YET STARTED THE MFIN PROGRAM)

Qualified applicants may enrol directly into the MFin/MBA option, starting in January and finishing 16 months later.

“The decision to pursue my Master of Finance degree at Queen’s was an easy one for me. The program made it possible for me to obtain a challenging and rewarding position in a capital markets role. Queen’s does an excellent job in finding a balance between developing technical skill sets and essential soft skills that truly differentiates this program from all others.”

Adler Sears, MFin
Analyst, Merchant Banking
Scotia Wealth Management
Toronto, ON
PARTNERSHIPS

Queen’s Master of Finance is a proud partner of the CFA Institute (Chartered Financial Analyst) and the CAIA Association® (Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst).

CFA Partner

The Chartered Financial Analyst is the gold standard for investment practice, demonstrating expertise, experience, current practice, timeless investment principles, and a commitment to exemplary ethical standards. CFA Program Partner status is awarded to high profile universities of global stature that embed a significant percentage of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge™ (CBOK™) into their degree programs.

CAIA Academic Partner

The Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst is the educational benchmark for the alternative investment industry, which includes hedge funds, commodities and managed futures, private equity, credit derivatives and real estate. The CAIA Association® academic partnerships are awarded to accredited academic institutions whose curriculum covers a significant portion of the subject matter addressed in the CAIA program.

“\nThe Queen’s Master of Finance program improved my personal marketability and enabled me to transition into a career in capital markets. I truly appreciated the curriculum’s practical approach. The professors were clearly experts in their respective areas, and had an impressive network of senior industry leaders who were often invited to sit in and critique our presentations. However, the highlight for me was developing a network of exceptional professionals with whom I am still in touch.  

Ramy Farag, MFin
Associate, IFI Europe & MENA
BMO Capital Markets
Toronto, ON

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“Never underestimate the value of the Queen’s brand. This is a great program, and what makes it truly unique is its perfect balance of theory and practice. The professors are first-rate and bring years of experience to the classroom. Not only has the program developed my knowledge and skills, I believe that earning this degree has enhanced my personal brand.”

Gaina Samarah, MFin
Associate, High Yield & Leveraged Finance
Scotiabank Global Banking and Markets
Toronto, ON
The Queen’s MFin program pushed me to achieve my personal best. I was, and continue to be, truly inspired by my classmates as well as the professors and guest speakers that were brought in. The program provided a network with a wide range of investment industry professionals, including asset management, private equity and investment banking practitioners. I absolutely recommend this program.

Ariel Lubecki, CFA, MFin
Institutional Relationship Manager
Burgundy Asset Management Ltd.
Toronto, ON
CAREER SUPPORT

In today’s competitive business environment, career success requires focused, strategic career management. The Business Career Centre at Smith School of Business provides comprehensive services and resources to help you achieve your career goals, including:

Career Coaching
A dedicated Career Coach is available to work with you to define your career objectives, shape your job-search strategy and fine tune your résumé, cover letter and interview skills.

Career Development Sessions
Smith provides career-related information sessions, seminars, workshops and corporate events to help you create and implement effective career management strategies.

On-Campus Recruiting
Students in the MFin program are invited to participate in the annual Corporate On-Campus Recruiting event that takes place each fall at Smith in Kingston.

Online Resources
Smith School of Business also provides a suite of online resources to assist you with career planning, career development and job search.

Networking Opportunities
Every year, the program hosts events for MFin students, alumni and finance industry people. They present excellent opportunities to make connections that will prove to be valuable throughout your career.

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The program broadened my knowledge in other areas of finance, especially on the asset side. I believe the friendships I’ve built during the program and the learning experiences will go a long way in helping me achieve personal and career growth. I would recommend this program to people at any stage of their career.\n
Maria Zou, MFin
Assistant Vice President
Swiss Re
Toronto, ON
SMITH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ALUMNI NETWORK

When you graduate from Queen’s Master of Finance, you will not only have established an invaluable network of classmates, you will also join the impressive Smith School of Business alumni network which numbers over 22,000 graduates around the world.

Our commitment to you continues long after graduation. You will be able to stay in close contact with Smith School of Business, your fellow alumni, and faculty in a variety of ways.

These include:

- Access to job opportunities through the Smith School of Business Career Centre
- The ability to speak to faculty regarding issues and opportunities you may be facing in your career
- Thought-provoking white papers and webinars
- Class reunions and special networking events
- Smith Business Club events in cities across Canada, as well as New York, London and Hong Kong
- A free subscription to our alumni magazine

As a graduate of Smith School of Business, you also become part of a much larger family – the alumni network of Queen’s University, with over 180,000 individuals in 154 countries around the world. In addition to 4 chapters in the USA, Smith maintains active chapters in many other countries around the world.

I strongly believe my job change would not have been possible without the Queen’s MFin. This program has given me a stronger foundation professionally and personally. I am able to contribute at a higher level, providing technical and strategic guidance on real-world issues in securities regulation. I would recommend this program to anyone who is serious about advancing their career in finance.

Andrew Schrumm, MFin
Advisor, Office of Domestic and International Affairs
Ontario Securities Commission
Toronto, ON
The MFin program has definitely allowed me to take my career closer to my ideal career path and along the way I have met great people that are willing to guide and help me move up. I would definitely recommend this program to ambitious people that would like to supercharge their career growth.

Madiha Hussain, MFin
Senior Risk Analyst
RBC
Toronto, ON
“Queen’s Master of Finance is a well-rounded academic experience that offers amazing opportunities to meet and network with people within the industry. The faculty and staff were instrumental in accelerating my career. In fact, one of my professors believed in my potential enough to work with me one-on-one to elevate my soft skills to where they are today. For me, that was worth more than anything any other program could deliver.”

Elaine El Zeghayar, MFin
Relationship Manager
TD Commercial Banking
Toronto, ON
APPLICATION PROCESS

Admission Requirements
To be considered for admission to Queen’s Master of Finance program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

• An undergraduate degree from a recognized university and a minimum of 2 years relevant work experience
• Successful completion of the GMAT or successful completion of CFA Level 1 exam
• Two letters of reference (forms available online at ssb.ca/mfin)
• Official transcripts from each post-secondary institution you have attended, sent by the Registrar of the institution directly to the Queen’s Master of Finance admissions committee
• Cover Letter
• Résumé
• Completed application form (available at ssb.ca/mfin)

Applications
Applications for admission are to be completed online. For a complete and more detailed explanation of the application process, including fees, please visit our website at ssb.ca/mfin

Program Fees
Program fees and a fee schedule are available on our website. Visit ssb.ca/mfin

Student Line of Credit
(Domestic Students Only)
Smith School of Business has partnered with the local Kingston branch of RBC Royal Bank to offer a student line of credit tailored to your needs. Visit our website for more details.

Student Loan Program
(International Students Only)
Prodigy Finance Ltd offers loans to international students in the Queen’s MFin program. Visit our website for more details.

Academic Scholarships
Smith School of Business is pleased to offer Dean’s Entrance Scholarships to applicants on the basis of outstanding academic and professional achievements.

“It’s important to us that graduates can hit the ground running. For that to happen, a program has to offer the right blend of theory and practical application, and I believe the Queen’s Master of Finance program does exactly that.”

Paul Hand
Managing Director
RBC Capital Markets

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