

## Financial Services Career Guide

### Overview

Finance is the ideal sector for ambitious people who are looking for a stimulating fast-paced environment. Working in finance typically requires long hours but there is little bureaucracy and young people can rise through the ranks with relative ease. Because jobs in finance are very lucrative the bar to entry is high, but luckily finance jobs are always in demand.

Finance is not limited to economists and mathematicians! Knowledge of financial markets and quantitative skills are likely requirements for all jobs in finance, but applicants are welcomed from all academic areas. Humanists, social scientists, and physical scientists all have different skills to contribute to finance. Many companies are looking for highly motivated people with a knack for problem solving, project management, and attention to detail. Those who enjoy academic research might be a good fit for a position as a financial analyst. Those who enjoy complex problem solving might be better suited for a position as a strategist. There will always be an abundance of quant jobs in finance so students who enjoy mathematical modeling can pursue jobs in this field.

### Advantages:

- High compensation
- Interesting fast-paced work
- Potential for extensive training

### Potential Challenges:

- Long hours
- Tough work/life balance
- Competitive work atmosphere

Career Areas	Sample Roles
Corporate Finance	Staff accountant, financial analyst, internal auditor
Commercial Banking	Loan officer, bank teller, programmer, sales, trust officer,
Investment Banking	Investment banker, fixed income researcher, equity researcher
Hedge Funds	Financial analyst, trader, regulatory compliance officer, quantitative analyst, marketing manager, portfolio manager
Private Equity and Venture Capital	Venture capitalist, General Partner, Junior partner, analyst
Financial Planning	Certified financial planner,
Insurance	Insurance broker, risk manager, underwriter, IT expert

### Career Resources:

- [National Association for Seed and Venture Funds](#)
- [National Venture Capital Association](#)
- [Venture Capital & Private Equity Club](#)
- [VentureOne](#)
- [vFinance.com](#)
- [A.M. Best Co.](#)
- [American Academy of Actuaries](#)
- [American Health Insurance Plans](#)
- [Insurance Industry Internet Network \(IIIN\)](#)
- [Insurance Information Institute](#)
- [Property and Casualty.com](#)

- [Risk and Insurance Management Society](#)
- [Vault](#)
- [Wetfeet](#)
- [The American Finance Association](#)
- [American Association of Finance & Accounting](#)
- [New York Society of Security Analysts](#)
- [Association for Financial Professionals](#)
- [Financial Management Association International](#)
- [85 Broads](#)
- [Careers in Business](#)

### **News Resources**

- [Bloomberg](#)
- [Business Ethics Magazine](#)
- [Business Week](#)
- [Careers in Finance](#)
- [Economist](#)
- [Economic and Financial Indicators – The Economist](#)
- [Fast Company Magazine](#)
- [Financial Times](#)
- [Investment Dealer’s Digest](#)
- [Wall Street Journal](#)

### **Educational Resources:**

- [Investopedia](#)
- [Coursera](#)
- [Khan Academy](#)

### **UChicago Alumni :**

- Credit Suisse
- Morgan Stanley
- Deloitte
- HSBC
- JP Morgan Chase
- BCG

- Goldman Sachs
- Bank of America/ Meryl Lynch