The MS in Financial Economics is a two-year program that provides academically distinguished and industry-oriented students with rigorous training in finance and economics through a carefully constructed curriculum of PhD and MBA courses.

The program provides students with the quantitative and theoretical tools for a successful career in finance with employers such as investment and commercial banks, economic and financial asset management companies, consulting firms, and policy-oriented organizations.

### 2016 Class Profiles

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*Note: Financial Economics students primarily take the GRE*

### 2016 Employers

**Full-Time and Internship**

- Allianz Global Investor
- Arrowstreet
- Banco de la Republica (Colombia’s Central Bank)
- BlackRock
- Central Bank of Mexico
- China AMC
- China Securities
- Citi
- CITIC Securities
- Columbia Business School
- Compass Lexecon
- Dodge & Cox
- DongXing Securities
- Granite Lake Partners
- HSBC Global Banking and Markets
- JP Morgan
- NetEase Games
- Merrill Lynch
- Moody’s Analytics
- Montrock48 Capital
- Morgan Stanley
- Thompson Reuters
- State Street

### Location by Region

- **North America**: 6
- **Asia**: 3
- **Latin America & the Caribbean**: 2

- **Full-Time Employment**
  - North America: 6
  - Asia: 3
  - Latin America & the Caribbean: 2

- **Internships**
  - North America: 6
  - Asia: 3

*One graduate from the class of 2016 went on to continue their education*

*Students may take on more than one internship*
**Student Testimonials**

**Like Chen ‘16**
**Internship:** Cubist
**Current Employer:** Citi Global CCAR

“The coursework exposes you to content that addresses topics at the PhD level and further advances the way one approaches and addresses questions. The small size of the program provides much opportunity to interact with faculty, who are exceptional. They take a keen interest in the MS students and are dedicated to their academic success and career outcomes. This held true for me in my career search, as it was the faculty and the relationships that I had built through networking that led to my job at Citi.”

**Anne-Laure Roche-Rault ‘14**
**Internship:** Platinum Partners
**Current Employer:** Single Resolution Board, Agency of the European Commission

“The program enabled me to reinforce my professional financial background with strong academic foundations, discover current fields of research in finance, including behavioral finance, and orient my expertise towards banking regulation. After the program, I joined the European Central Bank as a bank supervisor and am now with the Single Resolution Board, an agency of the European Commission focused on bank resolution. For me, the key strength of the MSFE program is the development of curiosity and the capacity to learn through rigorous PhD courses, giving students a financial toolbox they can utilize throughout their career. Whatever my future career path, I am confident I now have the academic foundation necessary to address quantitative or conceptual challenges.”

**The Career Management Center**

The Career Management Center (CMC) at Columbia Business School works with students to develop lifelong career management skills and empowers them to leverage the Columbia Business School network. The small size of the program allows the CMC to target job search resources, tailoring these to the experience and needs of MSFE students.

The CMC also works with hiring organizations across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors—internationally and domestically—providing customized résumé databases and opportunities for job postings and on-campus events.

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