# Explore a career in **Finance**

#### WHAT IS FINANCE?

- Finance is the study of how to allocate scarce resources over time, so as to satisfy people's "consumption preferences"
- The financial officer has responsibility in such activities as funds and cost analysis, investments, the formulating of credit and other financial operating policies

# **PREPARATION**

- •A good high school background recommended in: mathematics, oral/written communication, computer experience
- A bachelor's degree is considered essential for entry into the field of finance in positions of promise
- Moreover, college graduates can usually expect additional training by the employer to familiarize them with the firm's operating policies
- •A deep interest in understanding financial structures and financial analysis, and patience with detail
- Ability for working with people, both those they manage and customers, in discharging the responsibilities of banking and other processes

#### **CAREERS**

Financial management in manufacturing and distribution firms
Commercial bank management
Savings and loan management
Investment banking
Sales and trading
Stock brokerage
Insurance Security analysis
Trust management

# **HIRING COMPANIES (sampling of companies)**

Abercrombie & Fitch • Accenture • Amazon • Cardinal Health Citi Group Inc. • Deloitte • EY • General Electric • Huntington National Bank • Insight 2 Profit • JPMorgan Chase & Co. • KeyBank KeyBanc Captial Markets • KPMG • Johnson & Johnson Morgan Stanley Nationwide • Oracle • PNC • Financial Services PwC • Worthington Industries **12**<sup>th</sup>

ranked overall finance program

\$68,505

average starting salary

\$20

per hour average internship pay



# **ACTION STEPS FOR STUDENTS EXPLORING SPECIALIZATIONS**

#### **TALK TO PEOPLE**

Informational interviewing is a method of career exploration and a way of discovering jobs not publicly advertised. It is not the same as a job interview. Informational interviews allow you to gain "inside information" regarding career paths, alternate careers that will use your skills, and people to contact who may be looking for an employee like you.

#### PEER CAREER COACHES

Meet with a Peer Career Coach in the Office of Career Management and Peers Advisors in the Undergraduate Programs Office. They are students who are happy to talk with you and answer questions about their experience in selecting a specialization.

#### **GET INVOLVED**

Student organizations are a great way to meet new people (alumni, employers, and peers) and to learn about specializations. There are over 30 student organizations in Fisher. fisherosu.campuslabs.com/engage/

#### REVIEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS IN HANDSHAKE OR ON COMPANY WEBSITES

Job descriptions help you learn what skills and qualifications employers are seeking in candidates and the type of information you will be learning in a specialization.

#### CAREER EXPLORATION BY ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATION POWERPOINTS

Each presentation covers career areas, sample job titles, career path, companies that hire this major, salary information, professional organizations and more.

fisher.osu.edu/offices/career-management/undergraduate-students/explore-careers

## CHECK OUT THE "FROM ORIENTATION TO GRADUATION" BLOG

The blog features student interns who post notes about their initial steps into the business world, the challenges they face, and how they are applying their classroom theories and extracurricular activities to practice. The blog also offers career related tips and advice throughout the year. fisher.osu.edu/blogs/ug-career-mgmt

### **ENROLL IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 2600 (offered in Spring semesters)**

This is a speaker series course with a focus on business enrichment. This class is structured to benefit freshmen and sophomores who are exploring the many fields of business study. During the course a variety of business and community leaders share their personal and professional life stories with a focus on their own challenges and successes.

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