

**Add:** Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance

Room 402, No. 211 West Huaihai Road, Shanghai, 200030, P.R.China

Wechat: SAIF-MF

Facebook: SAIFermaster

Linkedin: SAIF MF Instagram: SAIF\_MF Weibo: SAIF\_MF

http://mf.saif.sjtu.edu.cn/



# 

Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance

+9.12%







Ranked No.1 in Asia and No. 10 worldwide overall
Ranked No.1 in Asia for Salary Increase and Value for Money

Financial Times 2018



# **OUR MISSION**

At the SAIF Master of Finance program, our mission is to "Power the Future of Finance".

# It is a responsibility we do not take lightly.

We fulfill this responsibility with an uncompromising commitment to attract and retain the highest-caliber faculty world-wide, with the passion to cultivate young talents, and the joy to watch them grow, with the drive to build lasting industry connections, and with the integrity to embrace our challenges and to contribute more to the financial field.

# This is what we call SAIF MF's determination.

It is this determination that gives our students the strength to go further, our partners the confidence to aim higher, and our people the courage to achieve our collective goal—to power the future of finance.



# **DEAN'S GREETING**

# **Chun CHANG**

Professor of Finance, SAIF
Executive Dean, SAIF
Ph.D. in Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences,
Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern
University

SAIF is committed to becoming a world-class institution in developing top talent and cutting-edge knowledge. Since its foundation and throughout the development of SAIF, it has been our goal to be the premier institute for financial education and research. For the past ten years, SAIF has attracted and retained a strong team of the highest-caliber professors from all over the world, and has already created both a rich learning environment and a powerful network. These attributes await your exploration.

I believe that China will not only be the driving engine of the world economy, but also the polestar for the development of the global financial industry for the next 20 years. This is a precious historical opportunity, and I hope that our students and prospective students all choose to ambitiously seize this opportunity, SAIF will be here for you and will grow along with you.







# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

# **Zhan JIANG**

Associate Professor of Finance, SAIF Faculty Director, Master of Finance Program Ph.D. in Finance Tippie College of Business, University of Iowa

It has been eleven years since the first batch of SAIF MF students enrolled. These early graduates are now playing important roles in a variety of financial fields. Each year, more and more MF students graduate and move on to key roles throughout the finance field, being recognized in the market as some of the finest young professionals in the country. We are proud of each and every one of our graduates.

In the most recent *Financial Times'* annual ranking of the best MF programs in the world, SAIF MF is ranked 1st in Asia and 10th in the world, jumping 18 slots from 2016 when it participated in the ranking for the first time. In terms of Salary Increase and Value for Money, SAIF MF program ranked 1st in Asia in both categories. We are proud of our achievements and still constantly seeking improvements to better equip our students for the challenges that lie ahead. That is our promise. In doing so, we are seeking to provide the finance industry with leaders of exceptional skill, passion, and integrity.

In joining the SAIF family, we understand that you share the same spirit: the spirit of both professional and moral leadership, going forward as you commit to engage in your own education. For you, we provide a cutting-edge curriculum—designed and delivered by a world-renowned faculty. We surround you with staff and support services that are second to none. We empower with state-of-the-art facilities and resources.

Thank you for believing in SAIF as much as SAIF believes in you. We look forward to sharing the road ahead.

# MESSAGE FROM THE CO-DIRECTOR

# David X. LI

Professor of Finance, SAIF
Faculty Co-Director, Master of Finance Program
Ph.D. in Statistics
University of Waterloo

The financial industry is a fast-changing world, which has become increasingly so with the use of big data, machine learning, and new technologies such as blockchain and cloud computing. The challenge for the industry is to recruit talent with combined skills in the areas of finance, technology, and analytics.

Building on the success of our leading MF program, SAIF launches a new track—MF-FinTech Program. In addition to core courses in finance, MF-FinTech emphasizes rigorous training in statistics & machine learning, computer skills & applications. After successfully completing this intensive academic journey, you will have gained:

- Comprehensive training in modern finance concepts with solid understanding and intuition
- Foundational knowledge of statistics, principles of machine learning, and its applications in finance
- Ready-to-deploy expertise in computer programming, database management, blockchain technology, and cloud computing

I am confident that after two years of study you will be well prepared for the challenges in the industry or for the further pursuit of academic studies.





- **01** SAIF's Milestones
- 03 What's SAIF MF?
- 05 How's SAIF MF Journey?
  - 07 Curriculum
  - 09 Extended Learning and Student Activities (ELSA)
  - 11 Learning through Integrated Vocational Experience (LIVE)
  - 12 Career Development Services
  - 13 International Exposure
  - 15 Industry Connections and Activities
    - 15 Who Has Been to SAIF?
    - 17 PAE Program
    - 17 CFA Program Partner
    - 18 International Youth Leadership Finance Summit (IYLFS)

# 19 Who's at SAIF MF?

- 19 Globally-Renowned Faculty
- 21 Student Profile
- 22 Where Students Have Gone
- 23 Voices from SAIF MF Students and Alumni

# 25 How to Apply

- 25 Mainland China ApplicantsHong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan Applicants
- 26 International Applicants
  Campus Surroundings



# **SAIF's Milestones**

# 2008

# September

54 students joined inaugural class of the Finance MBA part-time program

# 2010

February
SAIF building officially opened its doors

#### June

SAIF launched EMBA program

#### September

SAIF launched Ph.D. program

# 2012

July SAIF began to offer Finance EMBA in Beijing

# **2013**January

SAIF granted AACSB membership SAIF Alumni Association established

# 2009

# April

SAIF officially inaugurated

### August

China Academy of Financial Research (CAFR) inaugurated

# September

SAIF launched Master of Finance and Finance MBA programs

# 2011

July The first MF class graduated

### December Faculty team reached 35 members

# September SAIF launched

SAIF launched DBA in Global Financial Management

### December

Faculty team reached 45 members

2014

March

April

conducted

The first 'International Audit'

SAIF's 5th Anniversary

July
SAIF opened office in Shenzhen

AACSB
SAIF MF program ranked
No.2 in Asia and No.28 in the world by Financial Times

#### March

2016

February

SAIF officially accredited by

2017

Financial Times

SAIF MF program ranked No.1 in

Asia and No.14 in the world by

SAIF opened Pudong Lujiazui campus in Shanghai Asia ar

# December

Faculty team reached 61 members

# 2018

#### May

SAIFsigns Strategic Collaboration with the Wharton School

#### June

SAIF MF program ranked No.1 in Asia and No.10 in the world by Financial Times

#### December

First Global Finance Leaders Forum held at SAIF

# 2019

April SAIF's10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



# **About SAIF & MF Program**

Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF) was established within Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) in April 2009, with strategic and financial support from the Shanghai Municipal Government. SAIF is AACSB accredited and is recognized internationally as one of the top business schools in the world.

The Master of Finance (MF) program has been the flagship program at SAIF since its inception in the Autumn of 2009. SAIF's MF program was ranked No.1 in Asia and No.10 globally by the Financial Times in 2018. Currently, SAIF MF stands as one of the most prestigious finance programs in Asia.

The SAIF MF Program recruits world-class faculty from leading business schools around the world. The program—taught completely in English—has a cutting-edge curriculum, an educational structure with an international vision, and state-of-the-art facilities supported by a financial trading lab. The curriculum is designed to anticipate future trends, as well as to meet requirements for current practices within the financial industry—both in China and abroad. In addition to the technical skills provided by our major finance classes, our LIVE Learning Center and the "Extended Learning and Student Activities" (ELSA) seminars help students to enhance their practical skills and knowledge.



# **About MF-FinTech**

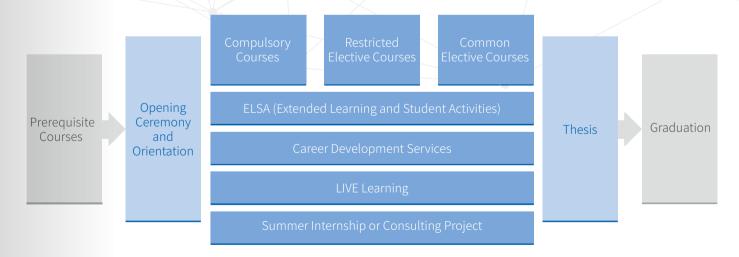
The financial world has been embracing FinTech over the last few years. In addition to mobile payments and money transfers that we now all enjoy in China, FinTech has been making a big impact in consumer credit analysis, asset management, insurance, transaction processing, etc. The use of blockchain technology, big data, and machine learning techniques are changing how economic activities are designed, how data is collected and analyzed, and how quickly this information is then utilized effectively. Building on the success of our current MF program, SAIF launches a new track—the MF-FinTech Program. In addition to core courses in finance, MF-FinTech emphasizes rigorous training in statistics & machine learning, computer skills & applications.

We are recruiting students who can rise to the challenge of the cross-disciplinary training of this program, and who can lead the change in the financial world upon graduation. SAIF is here to develop future industry leaders with expertise in finance, big data, machine learning, and practical IT implementation.



# How's SAIF MF Journey?

SAIF MF's student journey is designed by our faculty and industry leaders. We draw upon our faculty's collective knowledge and experience to design a student journey that is academically rigorous and relevant. We bring industry professionals and leaders into our classrooms and into our students' education through live learning. Our students learn through direct interaction with high-level business leaders on live projects. This focus is forward-thinking both in spirit and implementation. By emphasizing learning-by-doing, we align ourselves with the top business programs in the world.



TWO-YEAR ENGLISH PROGRAM

# Curriculum

# **MF General Track**

#### Partial List of Courses



**Compulsory Courses** 



- Principles of Finance
- Principles of Accounting
- Derivative Securities
- Macroeconomics

- Financial Econometrics
- Financial Markets - Business Writing
- Presentation Skills



**Restrictive Electives** 



- Fixed Income Securities
- Behavioral Finance



**Common Electives** 



- Portfolio Management
- Alternative Investments
- Fraud and Compliance Management Private Wealth Management
- Structured Products: Design and Innovation

# **Corporate Finance**

- Merger, Acquisition and Reorganization
- Securities Analysis & Valuation
- Financial Reporting & Analysis
- Venture Capital & Private Equity
- Entrepreneurial Finance
- Real Estate Finance
- International Corporate Finance
- Internal Control & Enterprise Risk Management

\* Curriculum is subject to change.

# MF-FinTech Track

### **Partial List of Courses**



- **Finance**
- Principles of Finance
- Fixed Income Securities Derivative Securities
- Financial Markets
- Financial Fconometrics
- Financial Risk Management
- Corporate Finance
- Macroeconomics
- Microeconomics
  - Principles of Accounting



# **Statistics & Machine Learning**

- Machine Learning: Foundations and Basics
- Machine Learning (I): Methods and Applications in Finance • Financial Engineering ...
- Machine Learning (II): Methods and Applications in Finance
- Financial Mathematics



# **Computer Skills & Applications**

- C++ Programming for FinTech
- Introduction to Database and Applications
- Block Chain: Principles and Applications in Finance
- Cloud Computing Platforms

\* Curriculum is subject to change.



# **Extended Learning and Student Activities(ELSA)**

ELSA is a course committed to delivering exceptional co-curricular learning opportunities for students and the greater SAIF community. ELSA is offered in the first academic year. It is dedicated to enhancing the growth of students as professionals and citizens by providing rich learning opportunities in the areas of soft skills, professionalism, and social responsibilities. It consists of 3 major sections:



# Professionalism Development (PD)

The PD series is designed to help students achieve powerful understanding of both themselves and the industry they are going to work in. Lectures on self-awareness, stress and emotional management, workplace interpersonal skills, and business etiquette, as well as seminar on various sectors of the industry will be delivered. With polished soft skills and a clearer positioning for career success, students are to articulate their workplace strengths and overcome new challenges.



The CH series offers the opportunity on a monthly basis for students and faculty to interact in a relaxed, out-of-classroom environment, cultivating an atmosphere of mutual trust and engagement. Students are also encouraged to use these opportunities to learn more about faculty research and resources available at SAIF.



# Social Responsibility (SR)

The SR section includes two series: SR seminars and volunteer work (WW). The series contributes to and strengthens the bond between scholars and society, engaging students in both the business and social aspects of being an influential professional. It further aims to highlight and explore the boundary between business and social activism through discussions of how the two can coexist and be symbiotic. Apart from attending seminars, students are also encouraged to go out of the classroom to do volunteer work (VW). Volunteering provides the opportunity to contribute to the community and build the skills that employers value while studying. SAIF MF graduates should be 'well-rounded'. This means they should have not just performed well academically, but have engaged in a variety of activities other than their studies, and have made a contribution to society in accordance with their personal values.













# **Student Activities**

This series aims to find relaxing, practical and interesting activities which highly involve the students and help them learn important life skills.









# **Learning through Integrated Vocational Experience (LIVE)**

SAIF LIVE Learning Center (LLC) offers the innovative experience of "LIVE Learning" to students by carefully-designed practicum courses and supporting experiences. LIVE completes each student's education by incorporating learning experiences from real-world, real-time projects and events.

There are three LIVE Learning courses currently offered by the LIVE Learning Center: SAIF LIVE, International Consulting Projects, and Innovation Finance Lab (subject to change). Each course offers unique experiences, yet emphasizes the same learning philosophy: inspiring students to learn and solve real-world problems by taking action.

LLC also serves as a platform to support SAIF students' extra-curricular activities in global competitions and conferences. From sharing information, arranging faculty guidance, and organizing professional training to backstage logistic support, LLC makes sure ambitious and competitive students participate, enjoy, and stand out in global events like the Hult Prize, the CFA Research Challenge, and the St. Gallen Symposium.

# **Career Development Services**

SAIF Career Development Center (CDC) is dedicated to providing students with assessments, coaching, career advisory, career development tools and programs, as well as job resources. The CDC trains students how to refine their career goals, promote their skills and experiences, helping graduates achieve their career dreams. The Career Development Center also facilitates connections between the school and employers.

The CDC will help students assess their interests, values and talents, and matched environments; help students develop job search strategies from determining career path, positioning in the marketplace, preparing for an important interview to handling offer selections/negotiations by coaching tailored to each individual students' needs.















# International Exposure

# **International Exchange**

During the two years at SAIF MF, you will also have the opportunity to study abroad for a semester at one of our partner schools.

# **International Module**

International Module (IM) is an opportunity for students to observe finance in action, in an international context, by moving the classroom to some of the most dynamic economies in the world. Each excursion embraces a particular theme, combining global financial practice with classroom concepts. The themes vary from capital markets to finance and innovation. Students get to explore these themes through lectures and workshops at prestigious oversea schools, visits at leading companies, meet-ups with global business leaders, and interactions with local students.

# **Dual Admission Programs**

Columbia University—MS in Financial Engineering/Operation Research/Business Analytics/Management Science and Engineering The London School of Economics and Political Science(LSE)—MSc in Risk and Finance Other Dual Admission programs are under discussion.

Each year, around 15% of the MF class consists of international students coming from a diverse background. Past students have come from Botswana, Canada, France, Germany, Iceland, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Peru, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, UK, US, etc.

# **Shanghai Speed**

Pursuing a master's degree in Shanghai will be a step in shaping your global career. Already one of the most rapidly growing "global cities" and home to operations of many of the world's multinational companies and leading financial institutions, Shanghai aims to become the go-to commercial, logistical, and financial hub for Asia. Shanghai is the ideal place to experience first-hand the power of cutting-edge ideas being put into practice. Here, you can experience the challenges and opportunities that come with rapid growth and globalization. With an endless choice of cultural and entertainment activities, combined with unique sights and sounds, Shanghai will stimulate your senses and cultural curiosity. The city's local and ethnic restaurants, chic bars, museums, theatres, and shopping areas provide students the added flavor to make the whole experience truly unforgettable.

### **Free Mandarin Courses**

The free Mandarin courses (in year one) at SAIF provide international students with the opportunity to learn Chinese language and culture. Although not required for graduation, learning Mandarin will enhance your SAIF, Shanghai, and China experiences. Enjoy this language learning opportunity and benefit from the results!

# **Industry Connections and Activities**

# Who Has Been to SAIF?

#### Franklin Allen

President of the American Finance

Professor of Finance and Economics, Imperial College London

#### Sir Howard Davies

Chairman of the International Advisory Council of the China Securities Regulatory Commission

#### **Robert Engle**

2003 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences Professor of Finance, New York University

#### Stanley Fischer

Former Vice Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Former Governor of the Bank of Israel

#### **Bengt Holmstrom**

2016 Nobel Memorial Prize in **Economic Sciences** 

Paul A. Samuelson Professor of Economics, MIT

#### Paul R. Krugman

guidance, learning, and development of soft skills.

2008 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences

Distinguished Professor of Economics, City University of New York

#### Yang Li

SAIF's diverse portfolio of industry connections and partnerships serves as a unique resource that benefits the students in career

Chairman of National Institution for Finance & Development, Former Vice President of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)

Distinguished Professor of Finance, MIT Sloan School of Management

1997 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic

Robert C. Merton





Raghuram Rajan

Governor of the Reserve Bank of India from 2013 to 2016

# **Nouriel Roubini**

"Dr. Doom" Professor of Economics New York University

# Thomas J. Sargent

2011 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences

William R. Berklev Professor of Economics and Business, New York University

# **Christopher A. Sims**

2011 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences

John J. F. Sherrerd '52 University Professor of Economics Princeton University

# **Robert Shiller**

2013 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences

Sterling Professor of Economics Professor of Finance Yale University

#### Paul Volcker

Chairman of the Federal Reserve from 1979 to 1987

# Jinglian Wu

China's most influential

### Min Zhu

Chairman of The National Institute of Financial Research

former Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund

# **PAE Program**

PAE stands for Program Advisor Expert. The PAE was launched in 2017 and has been run successfully by the SAIF MBA program for three years. The program is open to all SAIF current students and aims to enhance the students with self-awareness and self-development in work and life. There are close to 200 PAEs at the current 3rd batch, consisting of senior executives and middle-level managers/directors at Chinabased companies with a concentration in finance industry. With an average of more than 15 years of professional experiences, PAEs provide insights into professional development paths and the industry. More importantly, they instill positive values in the students and inspire the students to become well-rounded future leaders.

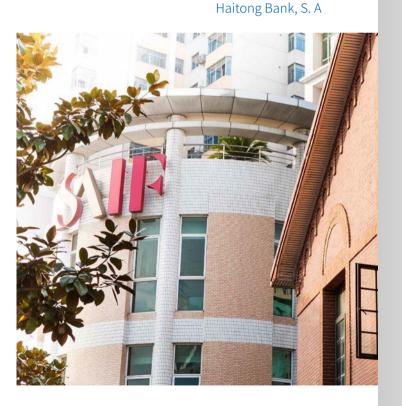
# **CFA Program Partner**

The CFA Institute is a global, not-for-profit association of investment professionals that awards the CFA and CIPM designations. It promotes the highest ethical standards and offers a range of educational opportunities online and around the world.

As a CFA Program Partner, the SAIF MF program and CFA China have a mutually rewarding relationship which includes the following benefits for our students:

- Complimentary access to Financial News Brief, a daily investment newsletter, for students in the approved degree program ('Degree Program')
- Complimentary access to an online Level I sample exam for Degree Program students

—by **Mr. Hiroki Miyazato**, Chief Executive Officer & Chairman of the Board.



# **International Youth Leadership Finance Summit (IYLFS)**

IYLFS is organized by SAIF MF program at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. The summit aims to provide an interaction and learning platform for outstanding undergraduate students, as well as to cultivate their leadership, communication, and organizational skills. Seven summits have been held successfully, during which 853 selected undergraduate students from 45 top universities worldwide participated.







#### Past participants have been from:

































UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE











# Who's at SAIF MF?

# Globally-Renowned Faculty

Our world-class faculty, who come from both academic and professional backgrounds, actively participate in the crafting of SAIF MF's vision, strategy, and curriculum.

# As of February 2019:

We have 31 full-time professors and 35 special term professors. These numbers continue to grow.

100% of our faculty members hold a Ph.D. degree from top global universities.

71.2% of our professors are or were tenured faculty at top global institutions.

#### From establishment in 2009 to 2018:

175 papers were published in top international journals, including The Journal of Finance, The Journal of Financial Economics, The Review of Financial Studies, The American Economic Review, Econometrica, etc.

490 academic papers have been published domestically.







# **Student Profile**

The following figures demonstrate the comprehensive profile of 2009-2018 MF students:

Total number of admitted students:

554

(MF2009-2018)

Average male-tofemale ratio:

55% to 45%

International students from

35 different universities

16 countries

# 2018 MF Student Profile: Undergraduate major distribution

Finance and Economics: 62%

Science and Engineering: 23%

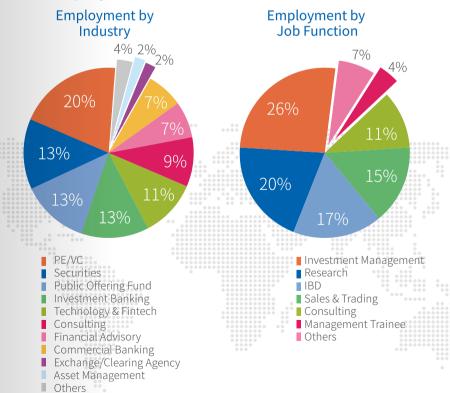
Liberal arts and others: 15%

Domestic students from 18 universities, among whom 61% are from Peking University, Tsinghua University, Fudan University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

International students from 6 countries and regions, including USA, Canada, France, South Korea, Peru, and Mongolia.

# **Where Students Have Gone**

# **Employment Statistics for 2018 Graduates**



# **Employer Highlight**

China Universal Asset Management\*

Goldman Sachs\*

Hina Group\*

Hony Capital\*

HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited

JP Morgan

McKinsey & Compan

Morgan Stanlov\*

Orient Securities Asset Management

PwC

Standard Chartered

Гепсепt

Warburg Pincus

....

 $\star$  Hired at least two MF graduates in 2018



#### Nan Chen

SAIF MF2018 Student Nationality: American Undergraduate: Harvard College, Applied Mathematics

I've realized since I've graduated from college that while school life comes and goes, the friendships built along the way are life-long. Studying at SAIF is no exception. Just semester ago, I was a stranger to my class; now, these 100 students in my cohort are essentially family. Nothing builds friendship quite as quickly as a pressure-cooker learning environment. Together, we study and live. We gruel over never-ending deadlines. We share our ambitions and dreams. We console each other in failure, and root for each other's success. Yes, SAIF is a great place to learn. But its people make this school special.

# **Andrew Schobelock**

SAIF MF2017 Student Nationality: American Undergraduate: Texas Tech University, Industrial Engineering

Following my undergraduate degree. I knew that I wanted to make a switch from engineering to finance and that I wanted to have an internationally-focused career. With Shanghai being a growing global financial center, and having visited China once before, SAIF was my ideal school.

Now that I am four semesters into the MF program, I can say that it has been very academically rigorous, which has helped create strong bonds within our class. Over the past Chinese New Year festival, I was invited by a classmate of mine to stay with him and his family. The relationships that I have built and the experiences that I have had outside of the classroom have added tremendously to the value of the MF program.

In this program, I am surrounded by some of the most intelligent people that I have ever met from all over China and around the world. As someone who grew up in Dallas, Texas and is now studying in China, this cultural aspect has been something that I believe sets this program apart.



# **Emily Cheng**

Nationality: Canadian SAIF MF2016 Alumna Company: Institutional Equity Division, Morgan Stanley Undergraduate: McGill University, Finance

International! This word that I would use to describe my first impression of Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF).

SAIF MF allows me to enhance my knowledge in financial theories and strengthens my ability to use mathematical and computational methods in solving finance problems. The program curriculum coincides with my background in finance and math as well as my work experience in investment management and quantitative analysis. I desire to further enhance my financial and quantitative skills through courses and the financial database exploration series of Extended Learning and Student Activities (ELSA). In addition, by engaging in real business cases through SAIF LIVE and participating in internships during my time at SAIF, I look forward to further enriching my practical experience.

SAIF MF accelerate my professional development and facilitate the realization of my ambitions. I cannot wait to fulfill my passion in finance and develop a network with future business leaders. In return, I believe that I can share my experience with the fellow Master of Finance students, possibly helping them attain their goals as SAIF makes it possible for me to attain mine.



#### MASTER OF FINANCE Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance

# **Voices from SAIF MF Students and Alumni**



#### **Kai Yin**

SAIF MF2015 Alumnus Nationality: Chinese Company: Associate at Emerging Enterprise Financing Dept., Huatai United Securities Undergraduate: Fudan University, Mathematics

I offer financial advisory service to emerging startups, in particular those in Technology, Media and Telecom (TMT) sector. Thanks to the days at SAIF, I managed to take the career path I prefer. SAIF delivered the knowledge transferred by faculty from different sectors, the experience shared by industry mentors, the advice from the staff at Career Development Center (CDC) and the brainstorm with classmates. Their unique insights were extremely helpful in my choice of career path.

# **Matthias Keschka**

SAIF MF2014 Alumnus Nationality: German Company: Assistant to the Chairman, China Momentum Fund, Fosun Group Undergraduate: University of Mannheim, Economics

I found the Master of Finance program at SAIF the most suitable for me to enhance my academic education and be ready for working in the financial industry with a focus on China & Asia. It is a challenging, truly international program with first class professors. With a full scholarship I have been quite lucky starting from the enrollment in SAIF and together with our extremely smart classmates I won various competitions, had a short exchange at MIT and received a job offer at Fosun without even applying. Together with four of my classmates we won the Asia Pacific Regional Championships of the 2015 Hult Prize getting the chance to work in India and met Bill Clinton in New York. Two years later I won the 6th Asian Business School Desert Challenge with the support of the strong team of our school. Among others, SAIF taught me how to prioritize and to make difficult compromises in a very tight (working) environment.

For international students who would like to develop their career in China, I recommend to keep on learning Chinese and to stay flexible throughout the program and beyond.





# **Mainland China Applicants**

Mainland China Applicants are admitted through one of these two channels:

**Exam-exempt Application:** Qualified Chinese students may apply through this channel before committing to the National Exam. The process begins in March of the applicant's junior year with a series of information sessions held across China. Applicants should submit required materials through our online application portal before the deadline. The program admissions committee selects students for the SAIF MF Summer Camp or Mini Camp. Participants who successfully completes the Mini Camp or Summer Camp have the chance to be admitted through the exam-exempt channel.

**National Exam:** Chinese citizens either in their final year of university or who have already been awarded a bachelor's degree from a four-year, recognized degree program, who then meet the minimum national criteria for graduate school are welcome to apply. The exam takes place in December each year, and SJTU sets a minimum score for eligibility after receiving the test results. SAIF may then choose from the eligible applicants and subject them to further screening criteria.

 $Please\ check\ our\ official\ website\ for\ more\ details:\ http://mf.saif.sjtu.edu.cn/page-mf\_dlxs.html$ 

# Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan Applicants

Candidates from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan will need to pass the National Exam in order to study at SAIF. However, conditional admission offers to students are also available and we invite prospective students to come and experience the SAIF culture during our annual Summer camp. If you are interested in meeting us in person, please contact us as soon as possible.

Please check our official website for more details: http://mf.saif.sjtu.edu.cn/page-mf\_gatxs.html

# **International Applicants**

International applicants should submit a set of materials through our online application system before the deadline. Qualified applicants will be invited to interviews. International candidates cannot be a citizen of China (including Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao) at the time of application, and should have a bachelor's degree received from an undergraduate institution.

MF is happy to announce the establishment of Global Impact Scholarships (GIS) for international candidates from top universities world-wide. The scholarship will cover full or partial international tuition for the students who meet the scholarship criteria.

Outstanding candidates will also have the chance to be recommended by the MF program to apply for the Chinese Government Scholarship, which includes tuition waiver, and a monthly allowance.

Please check our official website for more details: http://en.saif.sjtu.edu.cn/mf/page/135.html

# **Campus Surroundings**

SAIF has two campuses in the heart of Shanghai. One is located in the Xuhui District, within the charming former French Concession. The other is located in the Lujiazui area at the heart of the Pudong Financial District.

