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# Ranked No.1 in Asia for three consecutive times\*

\*Financial Times Masters in Finance Ranking

# **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 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**

### **Shijun CHENG**

Executive Dean, SAIF Professor of Accounting, SAIF

In this new era of economic globalization, I believe that China will not only be the driving force of the world economy, but also the polestar for the development of the global and domestic financial industries in the next 20 years.

Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF) was established to serve the national strategy of building Shanghai into an international financial center. Focusing on Chinese markets and their global connections, SAIF is committed to developing top talent and cutting-edge knowledge, with the mission to become a world-class institution of research and advanced learning in finance and management. Also, SAIF has attracted and retained a strong faculty team of the highest caliber, and has already created both a rich learning environment and a powerful network for our students.

As China is in urgent need of advanced financial thinking and high-end financial talents, I hope that our students and prospective students all choose to ambitiously seize this precious opportunity. Facing the future, we must uphold the spirit of forging ahead and innovating, constantly surpass ourselves, and make an important contribution to the development of both global and domestic financial industries. SAIF will be here for you and will grow along with you.





# Message from Academic Director

### **Tan WANG**

Deputy Dean,
Chair Professor of Finance, SAIF

Area of graduate study largely determines your future career. Its choice is thus one of the most important decisions of your life. The goal of SAIF MF program is simple. It is to help launch your career in the exciting area of finance. In the program, you will spend two years learning the cutting-edge theories from leading scholars in finance as well as innovative practices from successful practitioners in the industry. You will meet like-minded fellow students and learn from each other. Your will find yourself immersed in the atmosphere of innovative future business leaders in finance.

It has been thirteen years since we welcomed our first class of SAIF MF students. Over the years, SAIF has achieved multiple milestones. The most important is that our graduates are now playing important roles in their respective areas of work and are being recognized as some of the finest young professionals in the country. We are proud of each and every one of our graduates. We are proud of our achievements. We are, however, constantly seeking improvements to better equip our students for the challenges that lie ahead and to provide the finance industry with leaders of exceptional skill, passion, and integrity.

Joining in the SAIF family, everyone is committed to the same goal: the goal of academic excellence, professionalism, the spirit of innovation and moral leadership. In the two years of your study, we will provide a cutting-edge curriculum—designed and delivered by a world-renowned faculty. We will surround you with staff and support services that are second to none. We will empower you with state-of-the-art facilities and resources. I believe you will enjoy your study at SAIF. You will enjoy the interaction with our faculty and staff, the fellowship with your fellow students, and most importantly the growth that will prepare you for challenges and opportunities ahead.

We look forward to sharing the road ahead with you.

# Message from Academic Director

### David X. LI

Professor, MF Program Faculty Director, Faculty Director of Career Development Center, Associate Director of CAFR, SAIF

Our Master of Finance program at SAIF is one of the most established, all in English program in China. Over the last fifteen years we have placed hundreds of our MF graduates with the top financial firms in the world.

One of our program's distinctive features is the combination of rigorous academic courses and cutting-edge applied courses, the latter in many cases taught by industry experts. The program has two tracks: the general track and the FinTech track. Students from both tracks take the same core finance courses as we believe that a fundamental training in finance is essential for our students to excel in the long run. In addition, we also provide a range of specialized courses for each track, such as a sequence of three courses in machine learning for FinTech track.

Students in our MF program comes from top schools in different countries, also from different backgrounds and academic majors. We like to have students who inspire to become the future leader in the financial industry. To help you achieve that goal, besides the cutting-edge and well-balanced curriculum, we will provide you with staff and support services that are second to none. For example, our Career Development Center (CDC) will start working with you once you are admitted to our program.

We look forward to your joining of our MF family and the SAIF community.





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# SAIF's Milestones

### 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 was granted

AACSB membership

SAIF Alumni Association established

# 2015

### July

SAIF opened office in Shenzhen

# 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 classgraduated

### December

Faculty teamreached 35 members

### September

SAIF launched DBA in Global Financial Management with Arizona State University

### December

Faculty team reached 45 members

### 2014

### March

The first 'International Audit' conducted

### April

SAIF's 5th Anniversary



# 2016

### **February**

SAIF officially accredited by AACSB

SAIF MF program ranked No.2 in Asia and No.28 globally by Financial Times

2017

June

# 2018

### May

SAIF signs Strategic Collaboration

#### June

SAIF MF program ranked No.1 in Asia

and No.14 globally by Financial Times

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

#### December

First Global Finance Leaders Forum held at SAIF

## 2022

### July

SAIF MF program collaboration with the University of California, Berkeley

# 2023

### May

SAIF International Expert Board of Program Development Inaugurated

### November

SAIF MF FAMILY inaugurated

### March

SAIF opened Pudong

Lujiazui campus in Shanghai

### December

Faculty team reached 61 members

### 2019

### Sep

SAIF MF program laucnched FinTech Track

### 2020

#### June

SAIF MF program ranked No.1 in Asia and No.13 globally by Financial Times

### 2024

#### June

SAIF MF program ranked No.8 globally by Financial Times



The Master of Finance (MF) program has been the flagship program at SAIF since its inception in Fall 2009. As a distinguished 2-year curriculum taught in English, SAIF MF stands out with its rigorous academic framework. Uniquely designed to be professional, international, and market-oriented, these qualities significantly contribute to our impressive international rankings. Notably, the program has achieved the remarkable feat of securing the No.1 position in Asia for three consecutive times from 2017 to 2020 and was ranked No.8 globally in the Financial Times Masters in Finance 2024 Ranking. This achievement marks a new pinnacle for the program and solidifies its status as a world-class finance education provider.

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.



### MF-General Track

MF-General track, established in 2009 with the goal of creating an unparalleled finance curriculum for unlimited future development, draws its foundation from the financial master's program framework introduced by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the United States. The founding team, aligning with the continuous evolution of domestic and international financial markets, has consistently optimized and refined the curriculum.

Renowned for its classical, rigorous, and contemporary approach to finance, MF-General track encompasses courses in financial accounting, financial markets, derivatives, and more. Graduates often pursue careers in diverse fields such as investment banking, consulting, investment management, investment research and sales trading.

We welcome prospective students with backgrounds in finance and business management, solid internship experience, and strong soft skills, including bilingual communication abilities. Additionally, the Finance track also encourages outstanding candidates from STEM and medical backgrounds who aspire to transition into finance and possess strong soft skills to apply.

### MF-FinTech Track

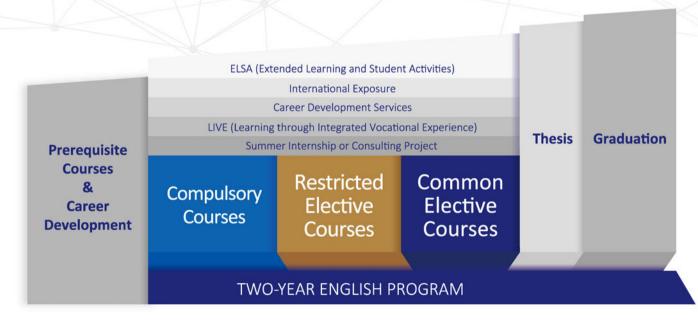
Adapting to the developments of the era, the program is offering a new track—the MF-FinTech track. Building on the core financial courses, this track emphasizes rigorous training in statistics & machine learning, computer skills & applications. The FinTech track exclusively admits students with strong backgrounds in mathematics and computer science, particularly those from undergraduate majors such as Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Statistics and Data Science, Automation, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, Financial Engineering, Mathematical Economics, Physics, and Electrical Engineering. Applicants from Economics and Finance backgrounds must have a second major in one of the above disciplines or provide additional proof of strong quantitative skills. Candidates with awards from national high school Olympiads in Mathematics, Physics, or Computer Science, as well as international university competitions in Mathematics, Computing, or Modeling, will have a competitive advantage in the application process.



# The Journey at SAIF MF

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. By emphasizing learning-by-doing, we align ourselves with the top business programs in the world.





# Curriculum

### **MF General Track**

### Partial List of Courses

# Compulsory Courses

- Foundations of Finance (I
- · Foundations of Finance (II)
- Finance Ethics
- Quantitative Analysis and Modeling
- Financial Econometrics
- · Macro, Money and Banking
- Chinese Financial Laws & Regulations
- Financial Reporting & Analysis



# Restrictive Electives

### Sales & Trading and Research

- Securities Analysis & Valuation
- · Buy & Sell Side Research Framework
- Fixed Income Securities
- · Private Wealth Management
- Derivative Securities
- · Behavioral Finance

### **Investment Banking & Consulting**

- Securities Analysis & Valuation
- · Merger, Acquisition & Reorganization
- Investment Banking in Practice
- Business Strategies for Financial Institutions
- · Business Strategy
- Project Management

### **Investment & Asset Management**

- · Securities Analysis & Valuation
- Buy and Sell Side Research Framework
- · Portfolio Management
- Financial Risk Management
- Derivative Securities
- · Fixed Income Securities



# **Common Electives**

- Understanding Wall Street Lecture Series
- International Modul
- Financial Engineerin
- · Venture Capital & Private Equity
- Financial Trading Lab

- Sustainable Finance
- Machine Learning in Investment
- Big Data and Design of Experiments: Methods and Principles
- Student Managed Quantitative Fund
- Business Analytics: Data-Driven Strategy



\* Curriculum is subject to change.



# **MF-FinTech Track**

### **Partial List of Courses**

### **Finance**

- Foundations of Finance (I
- Foundations of Finance (II
- Macro, Money and Banking
- Finance Ethics

- · Chinese Financial Laws & Regulations
- Fixed Income Securities
- Derivative Securities
- Financial Risk Management



# Statistics & Machine Learning

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

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# Computer Skills & Applications

- Object-Oriented Programming Using C++
- Introduction to Database and Applications
- Block Chain: Principles & Applications in Finance
- Big Data and Cloud Computing Platform

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\* 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:



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 various seminars to improve students' knowledge and awareness of the industry and business environment. With polished soft skills and a clearer positioning for career success, students are to articulate their workplace strengths and enhance their abilities of mastering new challenges.



The CH series offers 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



The SR section includes two series: SR seminars and volunteer work (VW). 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 bond all the students and offer balance between study and life.

































# 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, Innovation Finance Lab and International Consulting Projects (subject to confirm annually). Each course offers unique experiences, yet emphasizes the same learning philosophy: inspiring students to learn and solve real-world problems by taking actions.

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

# **Career Development Services**

SAIF's Career Development Center (CDC) is dedicated to helping you establish a solid foundation for a life-long career. At CDC, our experienced counselors help students achieve your potential by leveraging extensive industry resources, individualized counseling, and practical training.



















# International Exposure

# **Double Degree Program**

Program	SAIF - Columbia University	SAIF - University of California, Berkeley	SAIF - The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)	SAIF – Singapore Management University (SMU)
Major	MS in -Financial Engineering -Operation Research -Business Analytics -Management Science and Engineering -Industrial Engineering	Master of Financial Engineering	MSc Risk and Finance	MS in Entrepreneurship and Innovation  MS in Wealth Management

### **International Exchange**

During your two years at SAIF MF, you will also have the opportunity to study abroad for a semester at one of our global partner schools. Currently, SAIF has 21 partners from 16 countries and regions.

### **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.

2018 FinTech Oriented International Module at Singapore

2019 Investment Banking Oriented International Module at New York with a two-day exclusive workshop at Goldman Sachs Headquarter 2023 FinTech Oriented International Module at Singapore with rich and in-depth company visit at Citadel, DBS, Dymon Asia, Blockchain Association, etc.

Each year, around 15% -20% of the MF class consists of international students coming from a diverse range of countries including U.S., UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Turkey, Austria, Morocco, Botswana, Malaysia, Thailand, Brazil, Russia, Peru, Venezuela, Korea, Japan, Australia and Mongolia, Sweden, Norway, Hungary, Spain, Iran, Singapore, Myanmar



## **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 Association

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





#### 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. Berkley 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 SAIF's diverse portfolio of industry connections and partnerships serve as a unique resource that benefits the students in career guidance, learning, and development of soft skills.

### **Bengt Holmstrom**

2016 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences

Paul A. Samuelson Professor of Economics, MIT

### Paul R. Krugman

2008 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences

Distinguished Professor of Economics, City University of New York

### Yang Li

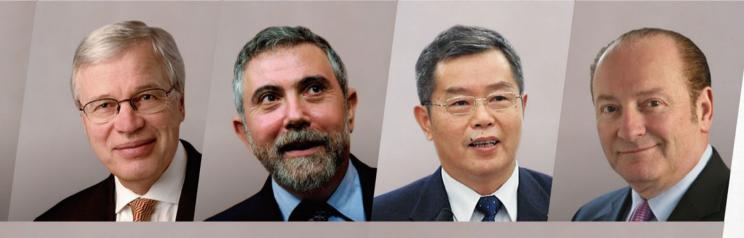
Chairman of National Institution for Finance & Development,

Former Vice President of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)

#### Robert C. Merton

1997 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences

Distinguished Professor of Finance, MIT Sloan School of Management





#### **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

One of China's most distinguished economists



#### Min Zhu

Chairman of The National Institute of Financial Research

Former Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund

# **International Expert Board of Program Development (IEB)**

The SAIF International Expert Board (IEB) is purposed to advise the school on the global trends in finance and management, the expectation from the industry perspective, and school's program development strategies. The IEB will play an important role in the shaping of our various programs' curricula, offering insights about industry trends as well as new talent development opportunities.

The IEB is composed of renowned experts from the business worlds, with a wealth of experience and expertise reflecting SAIF's global aspirations and its goal to provide students with a world-class learning experience.

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(Asia Pacific) Limited

# **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. 12 summit have been held successfully, during which thousands selected undergraduate students from over 70 top universities worldwide participated.







### Partial participants came from:











































































































# 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.

We have 34 full-time professors and 27 special term/visiting research professors. These numbers continue to grow.

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

Since 2009, SAIF's distinguished faculty has produced a significant volume of exceptional academic research articles, which have been published in reputable academic journals. 128 in Top Journals 339 in international Journals 587 Total

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Term Professor;
MBA Program

Faculty Director





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Associate
Director of CAFR,
Co-Director of SAIFR

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Professor of Practice;
Faculty Director of
Career Development
Center

PAN, Jun
Professor of Finance;
SAJE Chair Professor

CHENG, Shijun Executive Dean; Professor of Accounting

CHIU, Tzu-Kuan
Term Professor

HU, Jie
Professor of
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Innovation Base
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EED Programs
Faculty Director
and Executive
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JU, Nengjiu Professor of Finance; Ph.D. Program Faculty Director

KAN, Rui Professor of Practice



















WANG, Tan
Deputy Dean;
Professor of Finance



YAN, Hong
Professor of
Finance, Deputy
Dean of
Academic Affairs
and Faculty,
GES Program
Academic Director



**YU, Xiaoyun** Professor of Finance

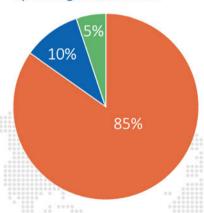


YIN, Zhihao Professor of Practice Ph.D., Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology



# **Where Students Are From**



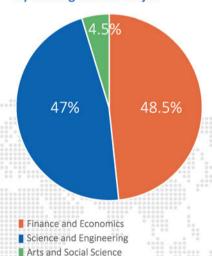


Tsinghua University, Peking University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Fudan University

Thejiang University, Nanjing University, University of Science and Technology of China, Harbin Institute of Technology, Xi'an Jiaotong University

■ Other top Chinese Universities

# Domestic Student Profile by Undergraduate Major



# **International Students Are From**

28 Countries, 60+ Universities Worldwide



Partial School List:

**Ecole Centrale Paris** 

**EDHEC Business School** 

Harvard University

McGill University

The London School of Economics and

Political Science

The University of British Columbia

The University of Chicago

he University of Southern California

The University of Toronto

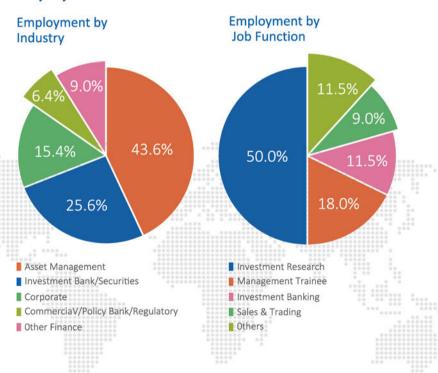
University of California, Berkeley

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# **Where Students Have Gone**

# **Employment Statistics for 2024 Graduates**





## **Danfeng Hu**

SAIF MF19 Nationality: Chinese
Company: PE Investment Officer, CICC Capital
Undergraduate: Tsinghua University, Economics and Finance

For me, choosing SAIF means choosing solid foundation of finance and close friendship. I have become more and more grateful about the choice I made to come here.

I can assure you this is not an easy journey. But it is exactly the experience of striving for projects and cases helps me build up solid knowledge network and polish practical skills while nurturing life-long constructive friendship with my fellow classmates. In our spare time, we have a series of well-designed and heartwarming student activities at SAIF. The birthday parties, Christmas party, out-door team-building etc., these activities left joyful memory and has made our friendship stronger and stronger.

I feel really blessed to join SAIF and get to know so many great mentors and brilliant friends from all over the world. I sincerely recommend the extraordinary SAIF MF program to you and I believe SAIF MF is pioneering and incomparable national-wide.



### Xunzhi Liu

SAIF MF-FinTech19 Nationality: Chinese

Company: Ubiquant Investment Quantitative Researcher
Undergraduate: Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Chemistry

FinTech is the future trend of financial development. I'm very glad to be the first class of FinTech track student in SAIF. I'm sure that SAIF MF-FinTech is my best choice.

FinTech is a fast growing area with so many things to learn. The curriculum of SAIF MF- FinTech is rigorous and comprehensive. It can prepare you perfectly with almost all directions of FinTech career, such as buyer Quant, seller Quant and other technical jobs related to finance. Besides, SAIF MF-FinTech has incredible faculty team, professors here are leading figures in this field. You can understand the demands of the industry thoroughly and find a career path suits you best not only by taking courses but also by doing practical projects with professors.

I have met so many brilliant classmates at SAIF. It is a great pleasure to work with them. Their geniuses have inspired me a lot both in work and life. Our friendship will be a life-long cherished gift to me.

### Nan Chen

SAIF MF18 Nationality: American Company: Research Department, CICC 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. Four years ago, I was strangers 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.



# Voice from SAIF MF Students and Alumni

### **Matthias Keschka**

SAIF MF14 Nationality: German

Company: Fosun Capital

Undergraduate: Mannheim University, Economics

As an undergraduate at Mannheim University majoring in economics and as an intern in the M&A department of the Asian headquarters of the second largest company in Germany, I was thinking about where and how I should advance after my undergraduate studies. Due to a stay in China and the current global economic development it was clear that I should consider China. With extensive research at that time comparing all the schools in China and world class programs (at MIT, Wharton, Cambridge, etc.), I was sure that SAIF was a very competitive option for a Master of Finance program.

Through SAIF MF some companies took notice of me which is how I got a job offer at the Fosun Group without even applying. After several years (still working for Fosun), I'm facilitating and supporting M&A activities globally. I'm incredibly thankful about having had the chance to be part of the SAIF MF program with excellent professors, staff and classmates who provided indispensable help to get where I am now.

**Emily Cheng** 

SAIF MF16 Nationality: Canadian Company: Institutional Equity Division, Morgan Stanley Undergraduate: McGill University, Finance

Being an international student but with roots in China, SAIF has offered me the best of both worlds—an attention to local problems and development but in an international and open-minded environment—which allowed me to work without boundaries.

With its quantitative curriculum, SAIF has helped me develop not only mathematical and computational skills, but also a logical mindset, which can be applied to any type of problem solving or decision making. The intense and heavy workload, although stressful at the time, has benefited me tremendously by equipping me with multitasking and stress management skills. The resilience I have built at SAIF is what made me stand out when encountering challenges in the real world. Most importantly, because of how the program is designed, it only attracts the most talented, diligent and motivated of our peers. My two years at SAIF has made realize how important it is for us to surround ourselves with people that reflect who we want to become; people who are better than us so we can become better ourselves.

One of my very favorite quotes was by John F. Kennedy. "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard." SAIF is definitely a rigorous and challenging program, but if you are up for the challenge and want to choose SAIF for how hard it is, then welcome to SAIF!





# **Mainland China Applicants**

Exam-exempt Application: 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 Admission Camp.

Please check our official website for more details: https://mf.saif.sjtu.edu.cn/mainland-china-applicants



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# 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 Admission 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



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# **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 deduction, accommodation subsidy and a monthly allowance (up to RMB 3,000/month).

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https://en.saif.sjtu.edu.cn/mf/admissions/application-process



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## **Campus Surroundings**

SAIF has one main campus and two centers in the heart of Shanghai. The main campus is located in the Xuhui District, and the other 2 centers are located at the Putuo District and Minhang District.





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