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Our Mission

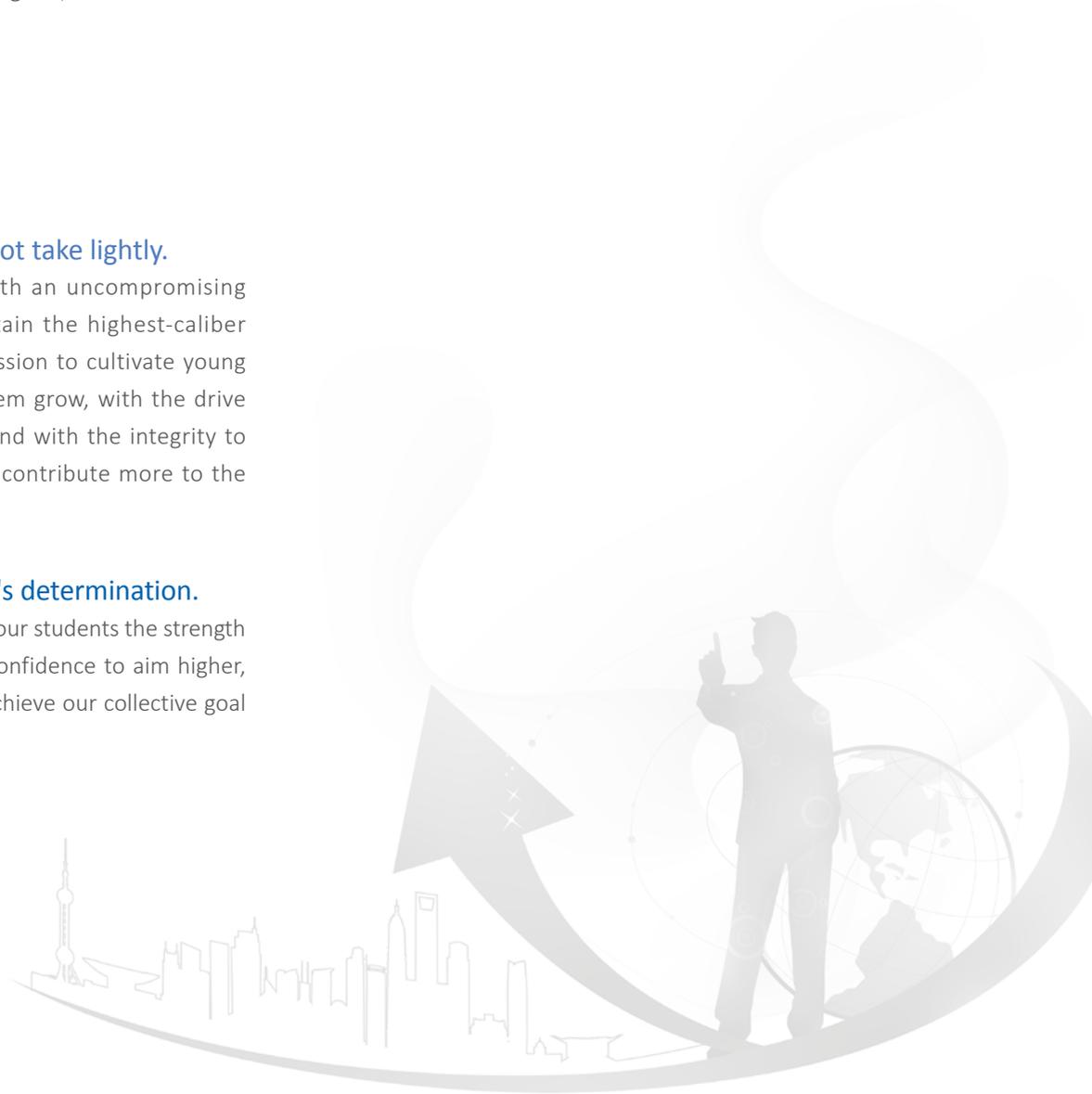
At the SAIF Master of Finance program, our mission is to "Power the Future of Finance".

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

Chun CHANG

Executive Dean, SAIF

Professor of Finance, Huifu Chair Professor, 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 eleven 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.

Chun Chang





Message from Academic Director

Tan WANG

Professor of Finance, SAIF
Academic Director, Master of Finance Program
Ph.D. in Economics
University of Toronto

Area of graduate study largely determines your future career. Its choice is thus one of the most important decisions of your life. As a master of finance program, the goal 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 practice from successful practitioners in the industry. You will meet like-minded fellow students and learn from each other. You will find yourself immersed in the atmosphere of innovative future business leaders in finance.

It has been twelve 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. In the 2020 Master in Finance ranking announced by Financial Times (FT), SAIF MF program was ranked No. 1 in Asia for the third consecutive time. 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.

In joining 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 Co-Director

David X. LI

Professor of Finance, SAIF
Academic Co-Director, Master of Finance Program
Associate Director of CAFR
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 is offering 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.



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SAIF's Milestones

2008

September

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

2009

April

SAIF officially inaugurated

August

China Academy of Financial Research (CAFR) is inaugurated

September

SAIF launched Master of Finance and Finance MBA programs

2010

February

SAIF building officially opened its doors

June

SAIF launched EMBA program

September

SAIF launched Ph.D. program

2011

July

The first MF class graduated

December

Faculty team reached 35 members

2012

July

SAIF began to offer Finance EMBA in Beijing

September

SAIF launched DBA in Global Financial Management

2013

January

SAIF granted AACSB membership

SAIF Alumni Association established

December

Faculty team reached 45 members

2015

July

SAIF opened office in Shenzhen

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 in the world by Financial Times

March

SAIF opened Pudong Lujiazui campus in Shanghai

December

Faculty team reached 61 members

2017

June

SAIF MF program ranked No.1 in Asia and No.14 in the world by Financial Times

2018

May

SAIF signs 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

2020

June

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

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SAIF MF

What's SAIF MF?

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 Fall 2009. SAIF's MF program was ranked No.1 in Asia and No.10 globally by the Financial Times in 2018. By 2020, SAIF MF ranked No.1 in Asia for the third consecutive time in the FT Master of Finance Ranking. 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 is offering 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.



The Journey at SAIF MF

SAIF MF's student journey is designed in 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.



TWO-YEAR ENGLISH PROGRAM

Curriculum

MF General Track

Partial List of Courses

 <p>Compulsory Courses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principles of Finance - Principles of Accounting - Derivative Securities - Corporate Finance - Macroeconomics - Microeconomics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial Econometrics - Financial Markets - Quantitative Analysis and Modeling - Business Writing - Presentation Skills ...
 <p>Restrictive Electives</p>	<p>Capital Markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fixed Income Securities - Behavioral Finance - Portfolio Management 	<p>Corporate Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Merger, Acquisition and Reorganization - Securities Analysis & Valuation - Financial Reporting & Analysis
 <p>Common Electives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asset Management in Practice - Financial Risk Management - Alternative Investments - Fraud and Compliance Management - Private Wealth Management - Structured Products: Design and Innovation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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

	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Finance • Fixed Income Securities • Derivative Securities • Financial Markets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Econometrics • Financial Risk Management • Corporate Finance • Macroeconomics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microeconomics • Principles of Accounting ...
	<p>Statistics & Machine Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Machine Learning: Foundations and Basics • Machine Learning (I): Methods and Applications in Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Machine Learning (II): Methods and Applications in Finance • Financial Mathematics • Financial Engineering ... 	
	<p>Computer Skills & Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C++ Programming for FinTech • Introduction to Database and Applications • Block Chain: Principles and Applications in Finance • Big Data and Cloud Computing Platform ... 		

* 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 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.



Coffee Hour (CH)

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.



Social Responsibility (SR)

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)

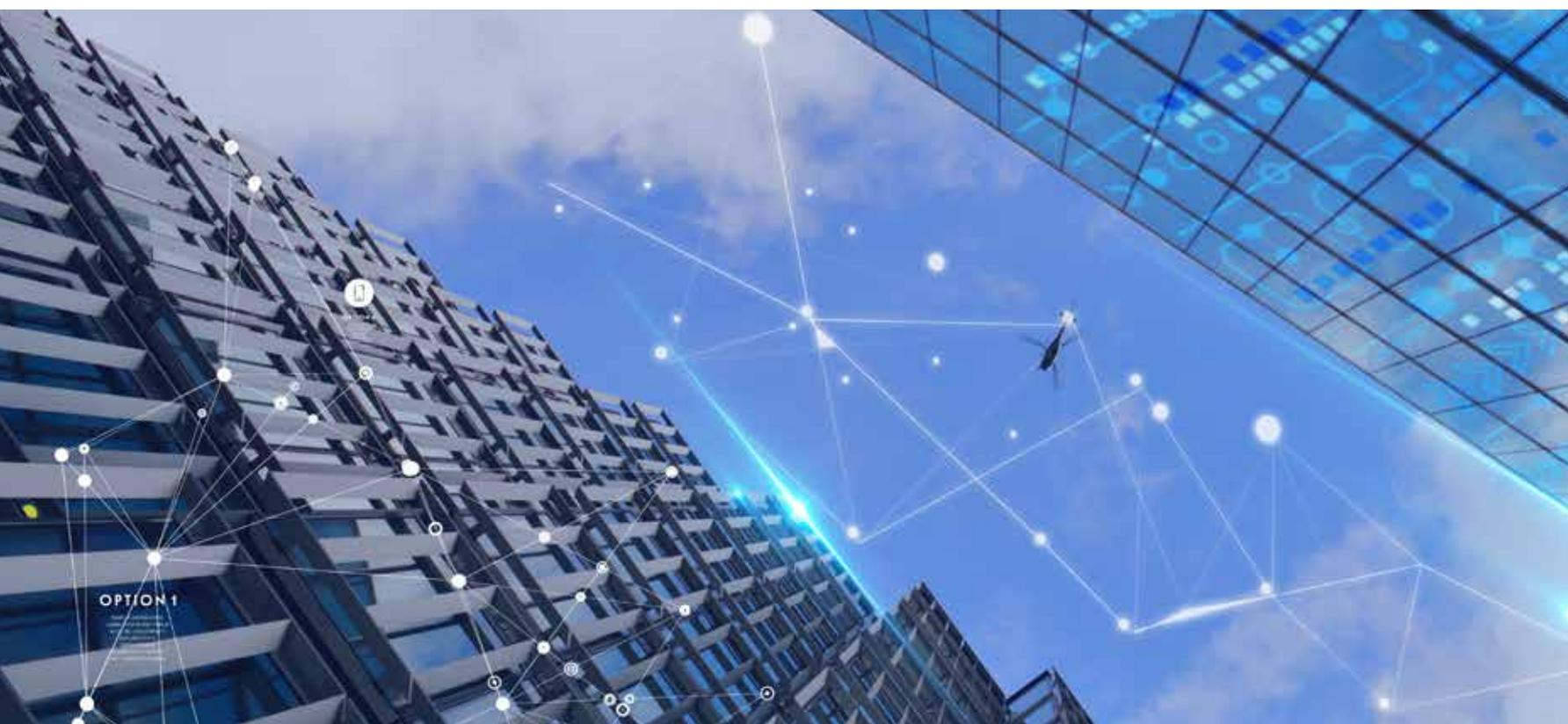
SAIF LIVE Learning Center (LLC) offers the innovative experience of "LIVE Learning" to students by carefully-designed practicum courses and supporting experiences. LIVE completes each student's education by incorporating learning experiences from real-world, real-time projects and events.

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 their potential by leveraging extensive industry resources, individualized counseling, and practical training.





International Exposure



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 22 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 overseas 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

Dual Admission Programs

SAIF - Columbia University

MS in Financial Engineering/Operation Research/Business Analytics/Management Science and Engineering

SAIF - The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

MSc in Risk and Finance

Each year, around 15% of the MF class consists of international students coming from a diverse range of countries including Botswana, Canada, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Japan, 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

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.

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



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



Raghuram Rajan

Governor of the Reserve Bank of India from 2013 to 2016



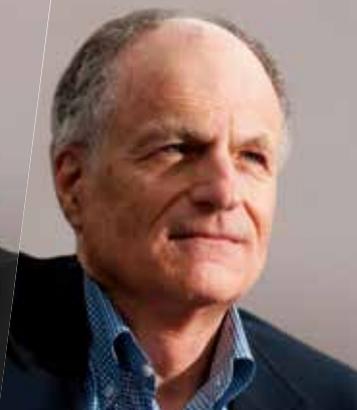
Nouriel Roubini

"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



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



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 aims to enhance the students with self-awareness and self-development in work and life. At the current 4th batch, PAEs consist of senior executives and middle-level managers/directors at China-based companies in various industries like real estate, technology, retail etc., and covering almost all important areas in the finance industry such as privacy equity, capital markets etc. With an average more than 15 years of professional experience, PAEs provide insights into professional development paths and the industry. More importantly, they instill positive values in mentees and inspire them to become well-rounded future leaders.

“The financial industry is facing with inspiring artificial intelligence challenge and data processing is more important than ever before. Look forward to SAIF's students riding on this huge tide and playing an important role in financial industry reform.”

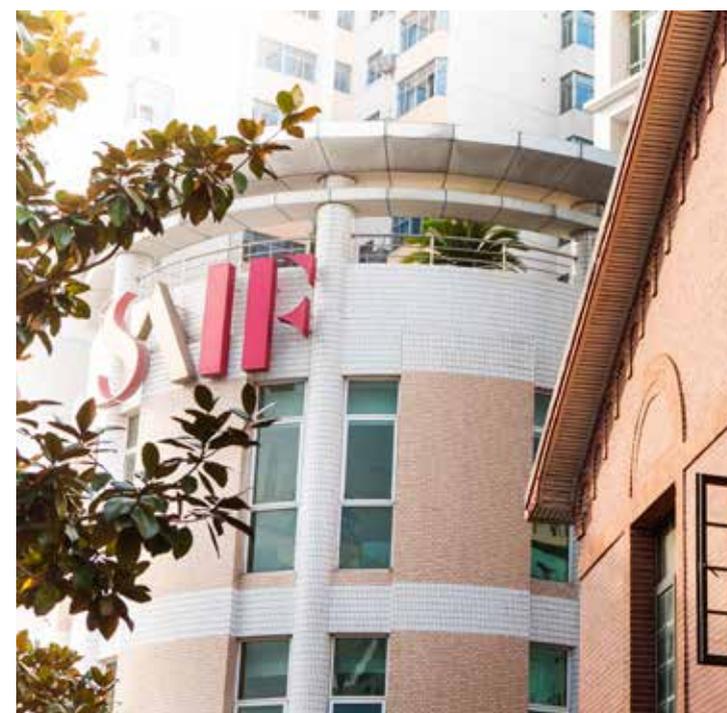
—by **Mr. Hiroki Miyazato**,
Founder, Sunrise Oriental Capital

CFA Program Partner

The CFA Institute is the 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



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. Eight summits have been held successfully, during which 1053 selected undergraduate students from 53 top universities worldwide participated.



Past participants have come from:



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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 November 2019:

We have 31 full-time professors and 37 special term professors. These numbers continue to grow.

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

From establishment in 2009 to 2019:

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

512 academic papers have been published domestically.

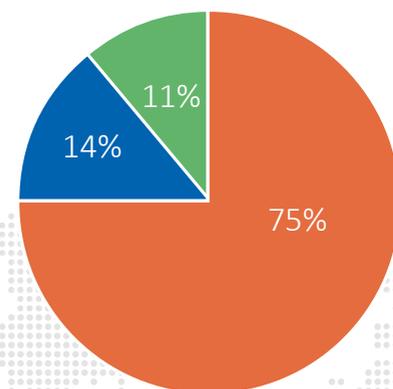


Our faculty members obtained their Ph.D. degrees from the following universities:



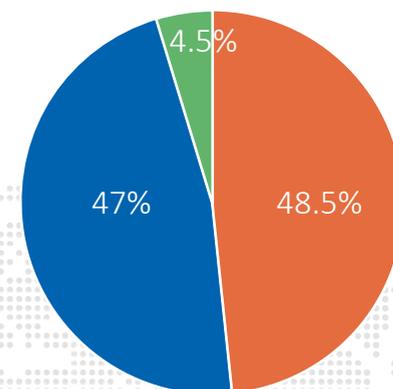
Where Students Are From

Domestic Student Profile
by Undergraduate School



- Tsinghua University, Peking University, Fudan University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University (C4)
- Zhejiang University, Nanjing University, University of Science and Technology of China, Harbin Institute of Technology, Xi'an Jiaotong University (C4-C9)
- Other 985 and 211 Universities

Domestic Student Profile
by Undergraduate Major



- Finance and Economics
- Science and Engineering
- Arts and Social Science

International Student Profile

International students are from 32 different universities in 16 countries, including U.S., UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Turkey, Austria, Morocco, Botswana, Malaysia, Russia, Peru, Korea and Mongolia.

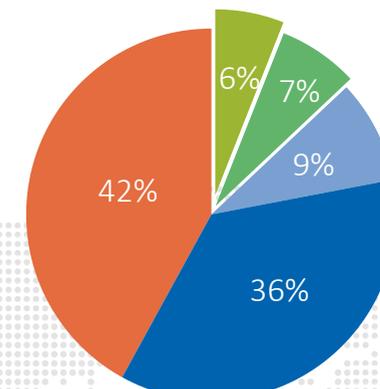
Partial School List:

- Ecole Centrale Paris
- Harvard University
- McGill University
- Texas Tech University
- The London School of Economics and Political Science
- The University of British Columbia
- The University of Chicago
- The University of Southern California
- The University of Toronto
- University of California, Berkeley
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Where Students Have Gone

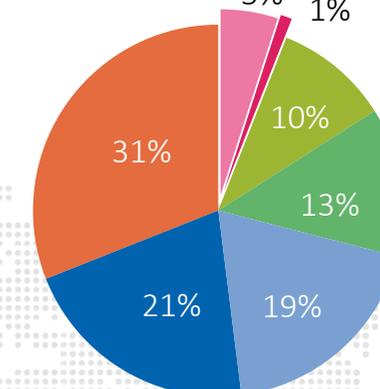
Employment Statistics for 2019 Graduates

Employment by
Industry



- Asset Management
- Investment Banking/Securities/Financial Advisory
- Consulting
- Commercial Banking/Policy Bank
- Others

Employment by
Job Function



- Buy-side Research/Sell-side Research/Trading
- Investment Banking/M&A
- Investment Management
- Management Trainee
- Consulting
- Institutional Sales/Private Client Services/Wealth Management
- Others

Employer Highlight

- Accenture
- Bank of America
- Bloomberg
- Boston Consulting Group*
- CDH Investment
- CICC*
- China Investment Cooperation
- China Renaissance*
- Citibank*
- Goldman Sachs
- Hony Capital*
- HSBC
- J.P. Morgan
- McKinsey&Company
- te Administration of Foreign Exchange
- Investment Center*
- UBS
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* Hires at least two MF 2019 graduates.

Voice from SAIF MF Students and Alumni

Danfeng Hu

SAIF MF2019 Student Nationality: Chinese
Undergraduate: Tsinghua University, Economics and Finance

For me, choosing SAIF means choosing solid foundation of finance and close friendship. This is my second semester at SAIF and 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-FinTech2019 Student Nationality: Chinese
Undergraduate: Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Chemistry

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. Two 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.



Nan Chen

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

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Andrew Schobelock

SAIF MF2017 Alumnus 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 I have graduated from SAIF 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 was 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 studied in China, this cultural aspect has been something that I believe sets this program apart.

Emily Cheng

SAIF MF2016 Alumna 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!



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How to Apply

Mainland China Applicants

Mainland China Applicants are admitted through one of 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 complete the Mini Camp or Summer Camp are two ways 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.

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

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<http://en.saif.sjtu.edu.cn/mf/admissions/application-process>

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, in the center of the Pudong District.

