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MASTER OF FINANCE

Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance

Asia No.1 Worldwide No.14 Overall Ranking
Asia No.1 Worldwide No.7 Value for money

In Financial Times Ranking 2017

At the SAIF Master of Finance program,

our mission is to

“Power the Future of Finance”

allowing us to prepare young financial talent

to succeed.

It is a responsibility we do not take lightly.

We do it 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 vision with heart, 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 eight 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 OUR DIRECTOR

Zhan JIANG

Term Associate Professor of Finance, SAIF
Faculty Director, Master of Finance Program

Ph.D. in Finance
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University of Iowa

It has been nine 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 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 14th in the world, jumping 14 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 both ranked 1st in Asia. We are proud of our achievements, we are still constantly seeking improvements, to better equip our students for the challenges that may lie ahead. That is our promise. In doing so, we are seeking to provide the finance industry with leaders of exceptional skills, 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, staff and support services that are second to none, and 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.



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SAIF's Milestones

2008

September
Finance MBA part-time program is launched with the first cohort of 54 students

2009

April
SAIF is officially inaugurated

August
China Academy of Financial Research (CAFR) is inaugurated

September
Master of Finance and Finance MBA programs are launched

2010

February
SAIF building officially opened its doors

June
EMBA program is launched

September
Ph.D. program is launched

2011

July
The first MF class graduated

December
Faculty team reached 35 members

2012

July
SAIF began to offer Finance EMBA in Beijing

September
DBA in Global Financial Management is launched

2013

January
SAIF is granted AACSB membership
SAIF Alumni Association is established

December
Faculty team reached 45 members

2014

March
The first 'International Audit' is conducted

April
SAIF celebrated its 5th Anniversary

2015

July
SAIF opened office in Shenzhen

2016

February
SAIF has been officially accredited by AACSB
SAIF MF program ranked No.2 in Asia and 28th 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 14th in the world by Financial Times



What is SAIF MF

SAIF's mission is to become a world-class institution of research and advanced learning in finance and management.

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 combines the best of Western and Chinese education systems along with exceptional resources and faculty to offer a world class education on the campus of one of China's top universities. While the program has a strong global focus, it is unique in that it is also accepted domestically by the Ministry of Education as an officially acknowledged degree.

As a member of the world's financial community, SAIF strives to contribute to the development of Shanghai as a global financial center. In working towards this goal, SAIF plays many different roles such as being a global talent and research center, a hub for interaction amongst academic, industry and government leaders, and a symbol of innovation with a positive impact widely recognized by the media and leading financial professionals globally.

The Master of Finance (MF) program has been the flagship program at SAIF since it first matriculated students in the fall of 2009. Our mission is to provide the best and brightest young individuals with the academic knowledge and professional skills needed to succeed in the global finance industry.

To achieve this mission, we provide students with a curriculum rooted in modern financial theory, that delivers sophisticated quantitative and analytical tools and imparts state-of-the-art practical knowledge and skills to meet the rigors of today's finance profession. Furthermore, the MF program is committed to fostering exceptional leadership and communication skills, the highest levels of professionalism, and an exemplary sense of social responsibility.



What's at SAIF MF

Globally-Renowned Faculty

Faculty oversight and government are the guiding principles of SAIF and our world-class faculty, who come from both academic and professional backgrounds and who actively participate in the crafting of SAIF MF's vision, strategy and curriculum.



By the end of June, 2017:

We have 27 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.

71.9% of our professors are or were tenured faculty at top global institutions.

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



From establishment in 2009 to 2016:

368 academic papers have been published, and 358 papers from international journals, among which 143 were published in A+ journals, including Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Review of Financial Studies, American Economic Review, Econometrica and many others.



SAIF MF Student Journey

SAIF MF's student journey is designed in combination by our faculty and industry leaders.

We draw on 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 our students' education through action learning, whereby our students learn through direct interaction with high-level business leaders on live projects. This focus is forward-thinking both in spirit and implementation, and aligns us with the top business programs in the world by emphasizing learning-by-doing.

Year 1

- Opening Ceremony and Orientation
- Compulsory Courses
- Restricted Elective Courses
- MF International Module

Summer Intern or Consulting Project

Year 2

- SAIF LIVE
- SAIF Consulting Co-MIT China Lab
- Free Elective Courses
- Thesis

Graduation



ELSA (Extended Learning and Student Activities)

Career Development Services





Courses

Compulsory Courses
(subject to change):

- Presentation Skills
- Business Communication
- Business Writing
- Chinese Economy: Theory and Practice I
- Chinese Economy: Theory and Practice II
- Quantitative Analysis and Modeling
- Principles of Finance
- Microeconomics
- Financial Econometrics
- Principles of Accounting
- Finance Ethics
- Corporate Finance
- Financial Markets
- Derivative Securities
- Academic Seminar
- Internship or Consulting Project

Restricted Electives
(subject to change):

- Financial Mathematics
- Financial Risk Management
- Security Analysis and Valuation
- Fixed Income Securities
- Financial Reporting & Analysis
- Merger, Acquisition and Reorganization
- Behavioral Finance

Free Electives
(subject to change):

- Understanding Wall Street - Lecture Series (I)
- Understanding Wall Street - Lecture Series (II)
- SAIF LIVE
- SAIF LIVE MIT-China Lab
- International Module
- Innovation Finance Lab
- Monte Carlo Simulation Tools for Quantitative Finance
- Leadership Development
- Corporate Governance, Strategy and Enterprise Risk Management
- Portfolio Management
- Financial Engineering
- Real Estate Finance
- Decision Analysis
- Commercial Banking
- Alternative Investments
- Structured Products: Design and Innovation
- Investment Banking in Practice
- Venture Capital & Private Equity in Practice
- Private Wealth Management
- Energy Finance
- Financial Trading Lab-Fixed Income, Currency and Commodities
- Financial Trading Lab-Equity
- Securitization and Real Estate Finance
- Insurance
- Social Impact Investing
- International Corporate Finance
- International Finance
- Managerial Accounting
- Entrepreneurial Finance
- Asset Management in Practice
- Private Equity in Practice
- Venture Capital & Private Equity
- Risk Management in Practice
- Managing Securities Firms in China
- International Entrepreneurship
- Clean energy – market and investment opportunities
- Student Managed Fund

Extended Learning and Student Activities(ELSA)

Extended Learning and Student Activities (ELSA) is committed to creating an exceptional living and learning environment for students and the greater SAIF community. We are dedicated to enhancing the growth of students to reach their full potential by providing rich learning opportunities through our programs, services, and facilities.



Professionalism Development Series

Augment the MF student potential by teaching various forms of business etiquette: dining, interpersonal communication, business social etiquette, meeting etiquette and so on. It is specifically designed to help students polish their social skills and improve their professional image.



Coffee Hour

SAIF MF highly encourages and facilitates student-faculty interaction. All professors are very welcoming to student visits and appointments outside of office hours. The MF program also organizes monthly coffee hours with different professors to create a more interactive and casual environment.



Social Responsibility Series

This series contributes to and strengthens the bond between academia and society. The aim of the social responsibility series is to broaden students' view of the world and encourage students to reflect on their own responsibilities in society.



Volunteer Work

We appreciate the hard work and dedication of our student volunteers, and encourage those who do not yet to give their time, energy and expertise to serve for people in need. With the continued and growing support of volunteers everywhere, we will make 'a world of harmony' not just an aspiration but a reality.



Second-Year Students' ELSA Series

The importance of life experience and social skills cannot be over-emphasized for the students, especially after their graduation. This series aims to find relaxing, practical and interesting activities which highly involve the students and help them learn important life skills.

"ELSA is interesting and well-targeted, its courses offer great help and support to us and are very meaningful supplements to the main courses. I am looking forward to learning more in the coming semester."

—— SAIF MF Students

International Classroom



Each year, around 15% of the MF class consists of international students coming from a diverse range of countries including Canada, France, Germany, Iceland, Sweden, Switzerland, Russia, Thailand, Korea, UK, and the United States of America.

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 all over the world.

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 market to finance and innovation. Students get to explore this theme through lectures at prestigious oversea schools, visits at leading companies, sharing from elites of the industry and interaction with students of local areas. By meeting with global business leaders, visiting companies and participating in academic workshops, students grow and have the opportunity to view perspectives they would not have been able to encounter solely in the classroom.

Dual Admission Programs

Columbia University –
Ms in Financial Engineering/Operation Research

The London School of Economics and Political Science(LSE)-MSc in Risk and Finance

Other Dual Admission programs are under discussion.



Shanghai Charm



Pursuing a master 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, it is Shanghai’s goal to become the undisputed commercial, logistical, and financial hub for China and Asia. Shanghai is the ideal place to experience first-hand the power of cutting-edge ideas being put into practice, and to closely observe the challenges and opportunities that come with rapid growth and globalization.

The almost endless choice of cultural and entertainment activities, combined with Shanghai’s unique sights and sounds will stimulate your senses and cultural curiosity. The city’s local and ethnic restaurants, chic bars, museums, theatres, and shopping areas offer students the added flavor to make the whole experience truly an unforgettable one.

Free Mandarin Courses

The free mandarin courses at SAIF provide international students an opportunity to learn Chinese pronunciation, characters, grammar as well as its culture. It is not required for graduation but learning Chinese itself will only enhance your SAIF, Shanghai and China experience. Enjoy this language opportunity and be benefit from the results!



Buddy Program

In an effort to encourage cross-cultural communication and help international students to adjust to life in China, the Buddy Program intends to match international students with local Chinese students. It is the opportunity to make the transition into China easier and more rewarding with the expertise of your colleagues as well as hopefully your future Chinese friends!

LIVE Learning Center

SAIF LIVE Learning Center offers unique and innovative experience of "live learning" to students by carefully-designed practicum courses and other supporting experiences. LIVE stands for "Learning through Integrated Vocational Experience", and aims to complete each student's education by encapsulating the students' learning experiences in real-world, real-time projects and events.

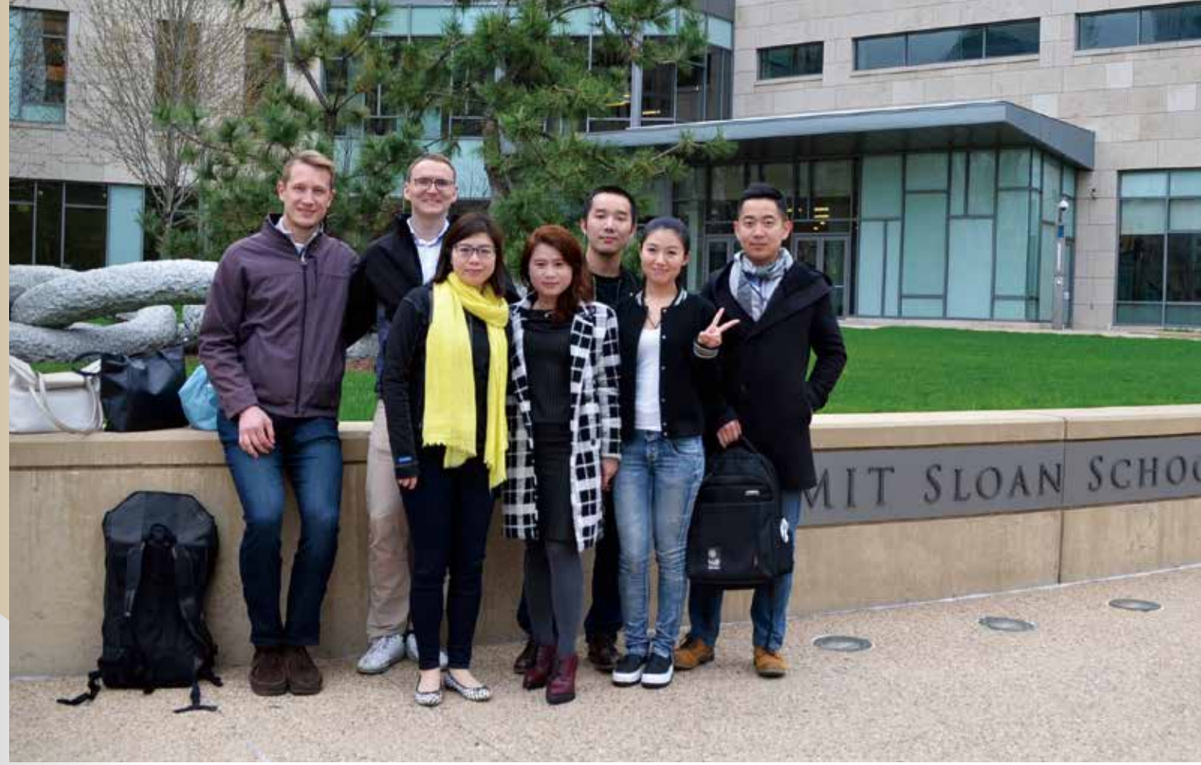
There are three LIVE Learning courses currently offered by LIVE Learning Center to SAIF students: LIVE FI, Consulting Company, and Innovation Finance Lab (subject to change). Each one of them have its uniqueness and attractiveness, while the concept and ultimate goal stay highly the same: to inspire students to learn and solve actual problems by taking actions.





Started in 2010, LIVE FI (Financial Institutions, previously known as SAIF LIVE) supports innovation in financial services and best practices through engagement with leading enterprises. It is primarily an MF Year 2 compulsory course. During the past 6 years, this course has provided about 70 projects to over 250 MF students. Each project lasts for 7 weeks and is led by mentors from high management level of large financial institutions and enterprises.

To foster innovation in the real-economy by providing consulting services to entrepreneurs and start-ups, SAIF started the interaction with the prestigious Sloan School of Management at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2012. It is not only one of the top universities in the world, but also the trailblazer and now a leader in Action Learning. This international interaction bred Consulting Company: MIT China Lab. Each project is a three-month, hands-on immersion experience, led by a mentor generally from a start-up or small-medium size business.



After years of practice and observation, Innovation Finance Lab was developed, a course based on the fusion of SAIF students' demands and the advantages that LIVE FI and Consulting Company have. Since the end of 2015, Innovation Finance Lab has been open to MF & MBA students as an elective course. It intends to support innovation through value-adding financing and incubation, including venture capital, accelerators, and financial leasing companies. These will be 8-week joint MF/MBA projects provided by leading venture capital, private equity, and other companies providing financing for innovation in the private sector.

As for the internationalization experience courses, LLC strives to foster talents with international vision and well-trained cultural communication skills by the tailor-made organization of International Module for MBA and MF students. The course theme varies from capital market, finance and innovation, and it consists lectures at prestigious oversea schools, visits at leading companies, sharing from elites of the industry and interaction with students of local areas. In the past few years, International Module courses have successfully taken place in countries like the US, Germany and Spain.

In addition, LLC also offers short-term study tour for student groups from top oversea business schools. It uses SAIF's advantages in academic research and its resources to get foreign students involved in lectures, company visits, cultural experience and interaction with SAIF students. It is not only a good exposure of knowledge China investment environment, finance market and even Chinese culture for visitors, but also offers a precious opportunity for SAIF students to improve communication skills and expand their global network.



IYLFS is conducted 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. Four summits have been held successfully, during which 542 selected undergraduate students from 40 top universities worldwide participated in the event.

The 2017 summit had undergraduates from 34 top universities eventually formed 20 teams. 19 of which come from international schools, including Princeton University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), University of California, Berkeley, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), University of Cornell, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, University of Waterloo, University of Toronto, and many others.



Industry Connections

SAIF's diverse portfolio of industry connections and partnerships is an essential part of building SAIF MF's core competency and serves as a unique resource that benefits the students in career guidance, learning and development of soft skills.

PAE Program

PAE stands for Program Advisor Expert, and it consists of senior executives from both top international and Chinese based companies with a concentration on the financial sectors. The program aims to enhance students with self-awareness and self-development in work and life. With more than 15 years of professional experiences, PAEs provide insights into the industry and professional development paths. More importantly, they instill positive values in the students and inspire the students to become well-grounded future leaders.

The PAE program helps students build life-long connections and expand their networks in the industry.

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

—— by Mr. Hiroki Miyazato,
Chief Executive Officer & Chairman of the Board,
Haitong Bank, S. A

Partial List of PAE Members:

Mr. Aidong Liu, General Manager of Human Resource Departmen, Bank of China Investment Management Co., Ltd.

Mr. Al Lin, Head, Managing Director, Orient Securities Company Limited

Mr. Andy Wang, Senior Partner, Rosefinch Investment

Mr. Charles Xu, Assistant CEO, SF Group

Mr. Charles Zhang, Director, Managing Partner, DT (Beijing) Capital Management Co., Ltd.

Mr. Hai Lin, Managing Director, Head of Corporate Sales & Solutions Markets, Citibank (China)

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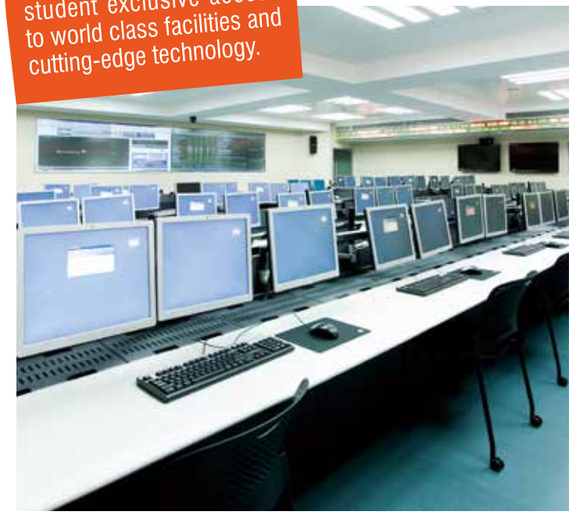
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Facilities

SAIF provides every student exclusive access to world class facilities and cutting-edge technology.



Financial Trading Lab

Our financial trading lab, which was established in 2010, rivals those of other top business schools of the world. It is equipped with 40 trading terminals displaying real-time data from New York, London, Chicago, Shanghai and other major global financial centers. The terminals are equipped with universally used trading systems, such as Wind/Bloomberg/Factset/FTS, and can provide access for up to 80 individuals.

The full-featured financial trading lab integrates simulated trading and academic research, allowing students to gain practical experience through hands-on learning. It is the most advanced lab of its kind in China.

Financial database training causes taught in the lab enable students to master advanced quantitative and empirical methods and develop a fluency in financial data sources and analytical tools.



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.
- A minimum of 5 to a maximum of 15 CFA Program scholarships each fiscal year.

Campus Surroundings

SAIF has two sites in the heart of Shanghai, one is located at Xuhui District, formerly a Catholic area, and another is right in Lujiazui area, center of Pudong District.





Student Profile

The following figures demonstrate the comprehensive profile of 2009-2017 MF students

Total number of admitted students:	Total number of undergraduate schools:	Average ratio of male to female:	International students from
465 (MF2009-2017)	**61**	**55%** to **45%**	**30** different universities in **13** countries.

2017 MF Students Profile : Undergraduate major distribution

Finance and Economics: **44%** | Science and Engineering: **30%** | Liberal arts and others: **26%**

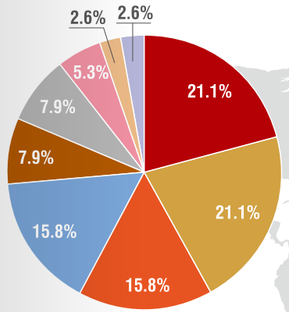
Domestic students from 18 universities, which 61% are from Peking University, Tsinghua University, Fu Dan University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

International students from 7 countries and regions, including U.S., Canada, France, Malaysia, Botswana, Turkey and Taiwan.



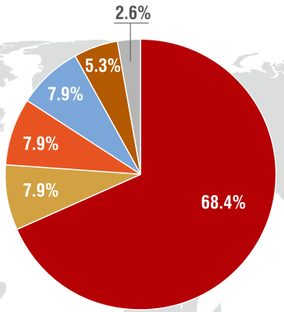
Where Have Students Gone

Employment by Sector of 2016 Graduates



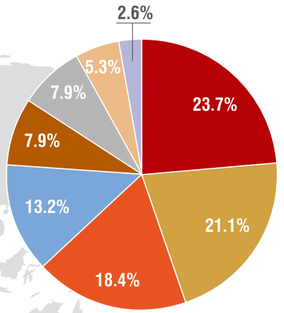
- Investment Banking
- Private Equity/Venture Capital
- Securities
- Funds
- Consulting
- Corporate Finance
- Commercial Banking
- Financial Exchange/ Clearing
- Asset Management

Employment by Location of 2016 Graduates



- Shanghai
- Beijing
- Shenzhen
- Hongkong
- Canada
- Germany

Employment by Function of 2016 Graduates



- Investment Banking
- Investment Management
- Research
- Consulting
- Quantitative Analysis
- Management Trainee
- Sales & Trading
- Product Development



Employer Highlight of MF 2016 Graduates

Bain & Company *	Imaginea Energy
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	J.P. Morgan *
BCG	Morgan Stanley *
CDH Investments	Morgan Stanley Huaxin Securities
China Merchants Bank *	OSRAM Opto Semiconductors (German HQ)
CICC *	Southern Fund
CITIC Securities *	Tencent
Fosun Group	.....
Guotai Junan Securities	* Hired at least two MF 2016 graduates.
Haitong Securities	
Hony Capital	

The placement rate before graduation is 100% every year!

Career Development Services

SAIF Career Development Center (CDC) is a platform connecting between students and employers. It is dedicated to guide and support students through the entire process of personal discovery, skills training, international experiencing, career positioning and job search in preparing MF students for success in global workforce and to achieve a career that brings fulfillment, enjoyment and engagement.

The services the Career Development Center provides for students include:

Events
- Sector mixers
- Sector introduction

Workshops
- Business manner
- Presentation
- Networking
- Resume writing
- Interview
- Financial Modeling



- Counseling by career advisory
- Mentoring by PAE industry senior executives
- Sharing by peers and alumni
- Interview coaching & offer selection

- Campus recruitment presentations
- Internship and full-time resume books
- Career treks overseas and inland
- Company visits
- Internship & full-time job postings

Voice of the students



Emily Cheng

SAIF MF2016 student
Nationality: Canadian
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 accelerates 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.



Jonathan Hammond

SAIF MF2014 student
Nationality: Canadian
Undergraduate: University of Toronto, Management

Upon my arrival in Shanghai I was greeted with open arms from the SAIF staff and my future colleagues. That was day 1, fast forward to today and I can't begin to recount my life experiences at SAIF! From constant weekly ELSA activities ranging from hospitality speakers, corporate executives all the way to connoisseurs fine tuning our knowledge of wines preparing us for the classiest of business occasions.

SAIF has been an experience as an international student that will be marked with unforgettable experiences. I have classmates who constantly are eager to welcome me into their daily Chinese lives. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have the most intelligent academic students from around China as my classmates who consistently challenge me to perform to my upmost potential.



Aurelie Barat

SAIF MF2015 student
Nationality: French
Undergraduate: Ecole Centrale de Lyon

SAIF has an impressive reputation in China and it appeals to those who aim for a high-level and recognized education in this country. China is a country full of opportunities but truly far from the West in terms of formal and informal culture - life in China is full of surprises. As someone willing to keep on working closely with China throughout my career, I am glad I took this opportunity to spend two years at SAIF for my first steps in the Middle Kingdom.

Indeed, at SAIF, teamwork is a major and highly valued part of the training. It gave me the chance to work hand in hand with China's future leaders, thus gaining a deeper understanding of their way of thinking along with valuable connections for the future. I have also been able to improve my Chinese skills thanks to my classmates. This year, I will go one step further since I choose to attend courses taught in Chinese.

Focusing mainly on corporate finance, SAIF also provides an introduction to quantitative finance. It is a demanding program during which professors, all with outstanding academic records, are available for further discussion with students. My classmates are also source of valuable insights: most acquired on the ground an excellent knowledge of the financial industry. More importantly, I have been able to build some life-lasting friendships here at SAIF.



Matthias Keschka

SAIF MF2014 student
Nationality: German
Undergraduate: Mannheim University, Economics

Coming from Mannheim University which is the No.1 business school in Germany with a Bachelor Degree in Economics, I found the Master of Finance program at SAIF the most suitable for me to advance my educational and professional education with focus on China and Asia. It is a challenging program which is quite time consuming. It's difficult to cope with everything individually. I try to have regular meetings with my very bright class mates in order to accomplish tasks utilizing the bright talents around me. So far I have learned a lot about finance, about China and people from different backgrounds, and how to be more effective. SAIF has also taught me how to prioritize my items and to make difficult compromises. I strongly believe that this MF program will excel me to new levels.

How to Apply

The SAIF Master of Finance (MF) Program admission process can be summarized as follows:

Mainland Applicants

Mainland 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 April of the student's junior year with a series of information sessions held all over China. Students must register the required materials with our online application system before the deadline. The program admissions committee selects students for the SAIF MF Summer Camp or Mini Camp. Participation in and successful completion of the Mini Camp or Summer Camp are two ways to be admitted through the exam-exempt channel.

National Exam: Chinese citizens either in their terminal 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 (subsumed by our own requirements) are welcome to apply. The exam takes place in January 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 criteria.

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

Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan Applicants

Candidates from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan need to attend the National Exam in order to study at SAIF. However, we also offer the conditional accept offer to students and invite those to come and experience the SAIF culture during the summer camp. If you are interested in coming and see us in person, you are welcomed to contact us before you make the decision.

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

International Applicants

SAIF MF is happy to announce the establishment of **Global Impact Scholarships** for international candidates from top universities world-wide, applying for the 2 years full-time MF program for matriculation in fall each year. Candidates must not be a citizen of China (including the Mainland, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao) at the time of application. The scholarship will cover full or partial international tuition (USD 31,000 total for 2 years) for the students who meet the scholarship criteria.

The outstanding candidates have the chance to be recommended by the MF program to apply for the **Chinese Government Scholarship**, which includes tuition waiver, free on-campus accommodation and a monthly allowance (RMB1,700 or USD280 /month).

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