



# Career Options after Finance

the study of financial resources growth  
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## What is Finance?

**Finance** is a discipline that is part of **Management**. At its basic level, finance is the acquisition and management of financial resources. Finance is an integral part of individual lives, households, businesses, government, and all forms of other organizations. Where there is money, there is Finance.

## Skills of Finance Grads

- Critically analyze and evaluate financial/accounting information
- Perform advanced statistical analysis of data and interpret the results
- Lead, implement and manage financial strategies
- Maintain risk control and business contingency
- Carry out financial modelling for achieving various business solutions
- Critical thinking and professional judgment to identify opportunities and influence change
- Identify innovative and creative solutions to financial problems
- Technical skills including advanced Excel functions/practices
- Communication skills for quality written reports and oral presentations

## What makes Finance at UTSC unique?

- Experiential learning. Students gain valuable experiences from working in leading financial institutions such as CPPIB, OTPP, and all the major banks.
- World-class Finance Lab that allows students to experience the real world in a classroom setting
- Access to the Student Managed Fund.
- Small classes and easy access to professors.
- A rich menu of Finance courses covering such areas as investments, corporate finance, behavioral finance, international finance, derivatives, risk management, mergers and acquisition, and private equity.

## Entry-Level Jobs for Bachelor Grads

Common employment destinations include:

- Financial Analyst
- Business Analyst
- Junior Consultant
- Account Representative/Manager
- Investment Banking Analyst
- Project Coordinator/Manager
- Financial Auditor
- Budget Officer
- Financial Planner
- Portfolio Manager
- Profit/Risk Analyst
- Underwriter
- Research Associate

*The Career Directory:* [www.canadastop100.com/tcd](http://www.canadastop100.com/tcd)

## Graduate & Professional Studies

Popular further education opportunities include:

- Master of Finance (MFin)
- Master of Science in Finance (MSc in Finance)
- Master of Financial Economics (MFE)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA)
- Canadian Securities Course (CSC)

### Use LinkedIn!

**Attend our LinkedIn workshop to learn about the *Find Alumni* tool for networking!**

**Finance Grads from UTSC have gone on to:**

- CPP Investment Board (Analyst)
- Aviva Canada (Procurement Specialist)
- OTPP (Investment Services Specialist)
- Ontario Financing Authority (Economic Specialist, Corporate Finance)
- Desjardins (Analyst, Investment Banking)



## Examples of Fields that 'Fit' the Skills of Finance Grads

- Finance and Insurance
- Mining, Oil and Gas Extraction
- Construction
- Public Administration
- Manufacturing
- Utilities
- Health Care and Social Assistance
- Management of Companies and Enterprises
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services

## Your 4-Year Career Exploration Action Plan

### 1 Do Your Research

The databases below provide you with details about job prospects, nature of work, educational requirements, working conditions, pay and related career paths:

**Career Cruising:** Log into [cln.utoronto.ca](http://cln.utoronto.ca), click on Resources, and click on Career Cruising to be logged in automatically

**O\*Net:** [online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org) (U.S. site)

Attend our workshop **Discover Your Skills and Career Options**, meet with a Career Counsellor, and use our resources to get to know your skills, values, personality and interests:

[www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/get-know-yourself](http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/get-know-yourself)

Use the advice on our tip sheets for gathering info:

[www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/tipsheets](http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/tipsheets)

- Information Interviews
- Working On-Campus
- Internships
- Volunteering

### 3 Build Your Network

Explore **Student Clubs** and **Professional Associations** and get involved: volunteer for their events and conferences, and get to know people in your industry of interest. These are your future mentors, supervisors and colleagues!

Management and Economics Student Association - [www.mesa.ca](http://www.mesa.ca)

DECA UTSC - [www.decautsc.ca](http://www.decautsc.ca) LIVE Competition – <http://live-competition.org>

Management Consulting Club - <http://mcc-utsc.com>

UTSC Student Managed Fund: <http://guides.library.utoronto.ca/UTSCStudentManagedFund>

Talent and Growth Services - [www.facebook.com/TAGatUTSC](https://www.facebook.com/TAGatUTSC)

University of Toronto Consulting Association - <http://utconsulting.ca>

Investment Society - [www.investmentsociety.ca](http://www.investmentsociety.ca)

Chartered Financial Analyst Institute - [www.cfainstitute.org](http://www.cfainstitute.org)

Canadian Securities Institute - [www.csi.ca](http://www.csi.ca)

Association for Financial Professionals - [www.afponline.org](http://www.afponline.org)

Canadian Association of Management Consultants - [www.cmc-canada.ca](http://www.cmc-canada.ca)

Toronto Financial Services Alliance - [www.tfsa.ca](http://www.tfsa.ca)

Canadian Bankers Association - [www.cba.ca](http://www.cba.ca)

### 2 Explore Career Options & Get Experience

Gain exposure to your options in the world of work and make connections while you're a student via campus events and programs listed on [cln.utoronto.ca](http://cln.utoronto.ca) and [ccr.utoronto.ca](http://ccr.utoronto.ca):

- [Extern Job Shadowing](#)
- [In the Field](#)
- [Explore It!](#) (course-based)
- [Partners in Leadership](#) (4<sup>th</sup> year students)
- [iLead, uLead, weLead](#) (Dep't of Student Life)
- Employer Information Sessions
- Career & Volunteer Fairs
- [Departmental Student Association Events](#)

Apply for [Work Study](#) jobs in CLN in Fall and Spring! You might also find work via [www.scsu.ca/jobs](http://www.scsu.ca/jobs).

Find networking opportunities, internship programs and entry-level jobs via websites like [www.talentegg.ca](http://www.talentegg.ca) and [www.charityvillage.ca](http://www.charityvillage.ca).

As an upper year student (14+ credits), attend UTSC's [Get Hired Conference](#) and participate in [Jobs for Grads](#).

As a graduate, explore internships and other trainee programs like [www.careeredge.ca](http://www.careeredge.ca)