

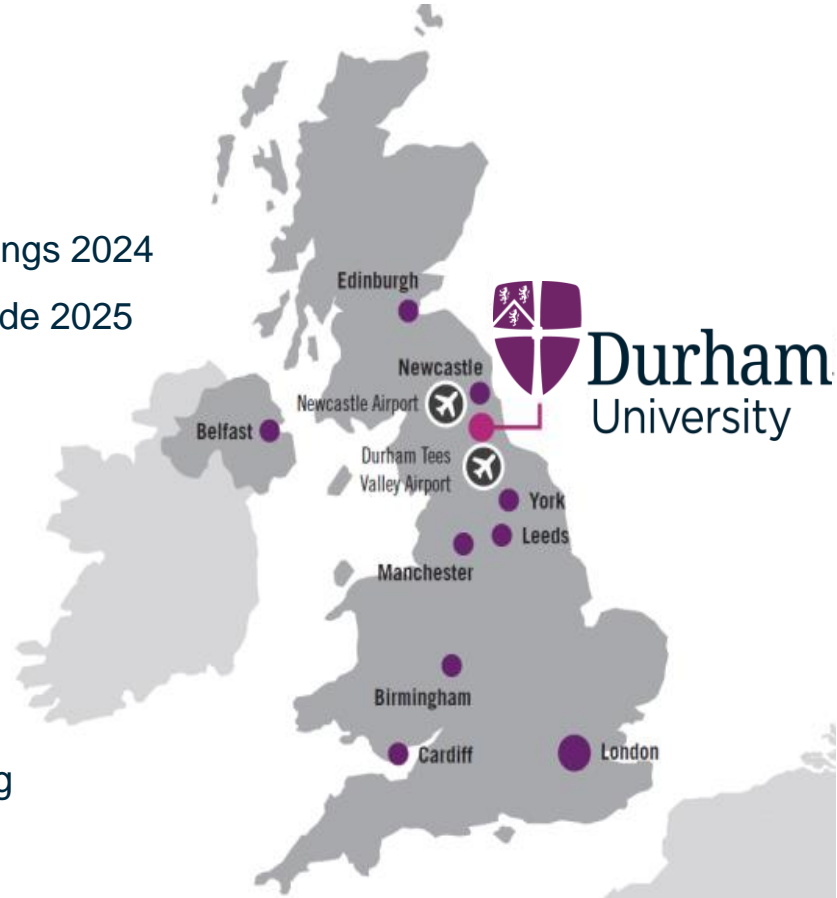
# Masters in Finance - Offer Holder Webinar

## Engagement with Practice in Finance



# Welcome and Overview

- Durham University Established in 1832
  - Located in the historic city of Durham
  - England's third oldest University
  - A World Top 100 University - QS World University Rankings 2024
  - Ranked 5th in the UK by the Times Good University Guide 2025
- Durham University Business School Founded 1965
  - Triple accredited – AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS
  - Highly ranked globally
  - Diverse student cohorts from 120 countries
  - Four departments:
    - **Finance**
    - Accounting, Economics and Management & Marketing



# MSc Finance Pathways

- MSc Finance
- MSc Finance (Accounting and Finance)
- MSc Finance (Economics and Finance)
- MSc Finance (Finance and Investment)
- MSc Finance (Corporate and International Finance)
- MSc Finance (Financial Technology and Banking)
- MSc Management and Finance
- Programme & Module [Handbooks](#) and current [Scheme of Studies](#)

**All MSc Finance programmes are affiliated with the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst Institute)**

# The Durham MSc Finance

## Strategic Objective:

*Our ambition is to cultivate future leaders in finance, highly sought after by global institutions and research programmes. The Durham MSc Finance programme is strategically designed to leverage cutting-edge financial data and advanced analytical techniques to develop expertise in finance and financial research.*

Ranked 11th (UK) 34th (Europe) 60th (Global) by QS

Ranked 5<sup>th</sup> (UK) by the Times Good University Guide

# How we deliver on career development:

## 1) Technical Skills

- Credit bearing technical workshops delivered by leading researchers and practitioners.
- **Certified** skills workshops and bootcamps delivered by industry professionals.

## 2) Soft Skills

- Interaction with Industry Partners, Alumni, Professors in Practice at Networking Events.
- Investment Club.
- Stock Pitch.

## 3) Promoting our exceptional graduate skillsets to industry

- Certificate in Engagement with Practice in Finance.

## 4) Durham's Broad Networks

- Professors in Practice
- Alumni and Alumni Panels
- International Engagement
- Leaders in Industry

# 1) Technical Skills - Credit-bearing technical workshops

## Importance of technical skills and engagement with industry:

### UK Department for Education's Longitudinal Education Outcomes (2023):

Students participating in practice-based learning or work placements earn on average 8% higher salaries three years after graduation compared to peers without such experience.

### The Highfliers Research report (2023):

46% of UK graduate recruiters specifically target candidates with demonstrable practical engagement during their university years. Graduates with practical engagement experience receive job offers more rapidly and have higher initial satisfaction with their career paths.

### The QS Global Employer Survey (2023):

Employers globally rank practical experience (internships, applied projects, bootcamps) as one of the top three most desirable attributes in graduate recruitment, alongside communication skills and analytical abilities

# 1) Technical Skills – Credit bearing technical workshops

Finance	Accounting and Finance	Economics and Finance	Finance and Investment	Corporate and International Finance	Financial Technology and Banking	Management and Finance
<b>Econometric Methods</b>	Econometric Methods	Econometric Methods/Analysis	Econometric Methods	Econometric Methods	Econometric Methods	Fundamentals of Finance
Advanced Financial Theory	Advanced Financial Theory	Advanced Financial Theory	Advanced Financial Theory	Advanced Financial Theory	<b>Financial Technologies</b>	<b>Quantitative Methods</b>
<b>Corporate Finance</b>	Corporate Finance	Corporate Finance	<b>Security Analysis</b>	Corporate Finance	<b>Python for Finance</b>	Corporate Finance and Operational Risk
	Financial Accounting & Reporting	Advanced Macroeconomics	<b>Derivative Markets</b>	M & A & Corporate Restructuring	Banking and Financial Intermediation	Strategy
	<b>Financial Statement Analysis</b>	Advanced Microeconomics	<b>Portfolio Management</b>		<b>Advanced Financial Technologies</b>	Organisational Behaviour
			<b>Financial Risk Management</b>		Bank Management	

# 1) Technical Skills – Credit bearing technical workshops

Advanced Financial Technologies

Bank Management

Banking and Financial Intermediation

Behavioural and Neurofinance

Capital Market Development

Climate Finance

**Cybersecurity in Finance**

Derivative Markets

**Financial Modelling and Artificial Intelligence**

Financial Risk Management

Financial Technologies

Fintech Regulations

~International Study Visit

**Market Microstructure**

M & A and Other Corporate Restructuring

Multinational Finance

Portfolio Management

Python for Finance

Security Analysis

Sustainability in Banking



# 1) Technical Skills – Certified workshops and bootcamps

## Hard skills bootcamps and summer schools:

Basic Python – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Timeseries Econometrics in R – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Advanced Python – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Database Management and SQL – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Workshop on Building a Financially Intelligent Businesses – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February


Private Equity and LBO Bootcamp – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

CFA Bootcamp – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Geoff Robinson (Fellow) – Equity Analyst ‘Graduate’ Summer School 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June


Allan Malz (Fellow) – Summer School on Advanced Fixed Income Security Analysis 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July

# 1) Technical Skills – Certified workshops and bootcamps




## Programming and Data Analysis for Finance


### A Complete Course from Zero to Hero



Learn from Industry Expert



Master Essential Skills



Understand Real-World Applications

Python

SQL Database

Pandas

Risk Management

Valuation Control

Equity Screening

Unlock your potential with our exclusive series of programming and data analysis boot camps, designed specifically for Durham University students aspiring to excel in the financial services sector. Whether you're starting from scratch or looking to enhance your skillset, our comprehensive boot camps will guide you from fundamental concepts to advanced techniques. No prior programming experience is required—just a passion for learning and a drive to succeed. By the end of our boot camps, you'll be equipped with the in-demand IT skills needed to tackle real-world financial projects with confidence. Don't miss this opportunity to future-proof your career and stand out in the competitive finance service industry.

**Basic Python (26 - 27 Oct. 2024)**  
Learn Python from scratch or re-master Python basics with Trading and Investment projects

**Advanced Python (7 - 8 Dec. 2024)**  
Push your Python and Data skills to be job ready with Risk and Valuation Control projects

**Database and SQL (25 - 26 Jan. 2025)**  
Master SQL basics and gain advantage for modern analyst jobs with Equity Screening projects

[Click here to get detail schedules and sign up the course](#)

## Private Equity, Valuation and LBO Bootcamp – Geoff Robinson

### About Geoff Robinson:

Geoff Robinson is a distinguished investment professional with a remarkable track record in fundamental analytics and investment education. As the #1 ranked analyst in his field for ten consecutive times between 2017 and 2024 (EMEA Institutional Investor Survey), he has established himself as a leading voice in investment analysis and valuation.

His career includes successful entrepreneurial ventures, including co-founding and leading investment training consultancies that achieved successful exits. Robinson holds a BA in Economics from Durham University and is a chartered accountant (ICAEW). A frequent media contributor, Robinson has appeared on Bloomberg, CNBC, and in publications like the New York Times, The Entrepreneur, and Wall Street Journal. Based in London but globally mobile, he continues to shape the investment industry through his expertise in financial modelling, valuation, and investment education. Currently, Robinson is the founder of TheInvestmentAnalyst.com, which he launched in July 2023 to share his expertise with the next generation of analysts and investors.

### Topics:

PE deal flow and the state of the market | Structure of a PE funds | Uses of funds | Source of funds  
Model built from scratch | Forecasting FCF available for debt servicing | Forecasting sanity checks  
Building the debt model | Equity value bridge | Exit equity returns analysis | Simulating the probability distribution

**Date:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February **Time:** 10:00 – 16:30 **Location:** WB0001 (Waterside Building)

Scan the QR code to register,



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## CFA Bootcamp – Jhan Burger

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the CFA institute. CFA chartership is an elite professional qualification which can shape and enhance your career in Finance.

### Topics:

About the CFA Institute | Benefits of Chartership | CFA level I exam preparation | Level I Module by module preparation | CFA level II & III briefing | CFA Ethics module | CFA material and best practice

### About Jhan Burger:

Founder of Analyst-Secrets.com. CFA Charter Holder consulting at Kaplan Schweser and a tutor to individuals, organisations and investment banks.

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## 2) Soft Skills – Networking and engaging with Leaders in Finance

**Seminars and workshops delivered by leading policy makers and experts from industry:**

Andrew Marshall – CFO at Atom Bank

Caroline Silver - Managing Director at Moelis & Company

Stephen Withnell (PiP) - Senior Advisor, Evercore. Former Head of EMEA Metals & Mining -Goldman Sachs.

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John French (PiP)- Senior Advisor and CISL Fellow at Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL)

Parik Chandra (Fellow)- Partner, Head of Private Credit at Downing LLP

Mark Aedy - Managing Director Chairman of EMEA and APAC at Moelis and Company

## 2) Soft Skills – Networking and engaging with Leaders in Finance

### Caroline Silver - America's Most Powerful Women in Finance

What is it like to be the only one of your kind in the room? ( or the building? Or the company?). Does inclusion and diversity really matter, and if so, why? Why should we care? What should we be doing about it? What works and what doesn't? How have things changed? Are there lessons about effecting change that we can learn that are broader?



#### About the Speaker:

Caroline Silver (Trevelyan 1961-84) has spent over 40 years working in the City. From her early days as an English Language/Literature student interviewing with accountancy firms, to working her way through the male-dominated world of international investment banking ultimately to the position of Vice Chairman, to her role today as Chair / board member across leading UK and international businesses, Caroline will share her insights and experiences as she discusses "Sex in the City".

Caroline is currently: Chair - Barratt Redrow PLC, ICE Clear Europe Ltd | Board member - Tesco plc, Intercontinental Exchange Inc | Advisory Board Member - Adobe, Inc | Senior Adviser - Moelis & Company

- **Date:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January
- **Time:** 11:00 – 12:30
- **Location:** PCL054 (Palatine Centre – Law)



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### Andrew Marshall – A Career of Managing Risk

What are the most significant risks in banking banks?  
What kind of catastrophic events took place because of mismanaging these risks?  
What is done so far to improve the exposure? And what else should be done?  
Is the FinTech revolution real in banking? What about the risk management in 'challenger banks'?



#### About the Speaker:

Chief Financial Officer – Atom Bank

Andrew has over 20 years' experience in banking. He has held senior positions in EY auditing, advising financial services institutions on retail credit risk management with a focus on banking and capital markets, before serving as a Director in Barclays Group Finance delivering reporting to public markets and executing corporate finance transactions.

Since joining Atom in 2016, Andrew has held the positions of Group Financial Controller, Deputy CFO and Director of Corporate Finance, leading on a number of key initiatives including capital raises, securitisation transactions, and the successful Banking Competition Remedies bid and became Chief Financial Officer in November 2022.

- **Date:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- **Time:** 16:30 – 18:00
- **Location:** WB-2003 Harvard (Waterside Building – Business School)



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### Sarah Pritchard - CBID Lecture

Executive Director - Financial Conduct Authority  
Professor in Practice in Finance – Durham University



#### About Sarah Pritchard:

Sarah Pritchard stands as one of the most influential figures in UK finance, shaping the regulatory landscape at the highest level. Sarah Pritchard is the Executive Director of Supervision, Policy, and Competition (SPC) at the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), where she is responsible for delivering the FCA's statutory market integrity objective. She also serves as the Executive Director of Markets and International, leading the FCA's international function and shaping the organisation's global regulatory priorities.

Prior to joining the FCA, Sarah was the Director at the National Economic Crime Centre (NECC) within the National Crime Agency (NCA), spearheading efforts to combat financial crime. Her career spans investigative, operational, and legal roles across both government and private sectors. In the private sector, she led global financial crime compliance and reputational risk teams at HSBC.

#### Topic:

Sarah Pritchard's guest lecture will explore the FCA's role in financial regulation, key market developments, and the balance between competition and consumer protection. She will also share career insights from her leadership experience, offering students a unique perspective on opportunities in financial regulation. The session will conclude with a Q&A discussion, allowing students to engage with Sarah on industry trends and career pathways.



**Date:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March **Time:** 14:30 – 16:00 **Location:** WB1001 (Waterside Building)

Scan the QR code to register.



### Guest Lecture – Avery Aylsworth

Alumnus, Blackrock Analyst, Lombard Prize Winner



- **Date:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November
- **Time:** 18:00 – 19:00
- **Location:** Waterside Building Room 2003

Registration by emailing [business.careers@durham.ac.uk](mailto:business.careers@durham.ac.uk) with the subject line 'Avery Aylsworth'. Please provide your name, programme of study and student number.

#### About the Speaker:

Avery Aylsworth, Durham University alumnus (Class of 2023), is an analyst at Blackrock and the recipient of the prestigious Lombard Prize for the best Finance Dissertation. Avery, a former professional athlete, brings unique insights from their diverse career journey.

Qualifying event for the Certificate in Engagement with Practice in Finance (CEPF)

- **Note:** Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Secure your place now!



## 2) Soft Skills – Investment club and Stock pitch to industry

### Investment Club:

Student-led investment fund run from the Trading Lab

Develop soft skills – Communication, leadership, resilience, conflict resolution, teamwork

Qualifies as three engagement – Pitchbook, Update presentation, Summer pitch to practitioners.

### Stock Pitch:

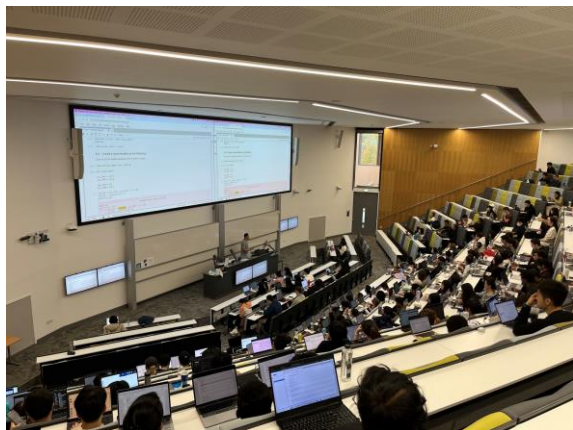
Teams prepare and submit an analyst report on an allocated stock

Best three teams will present their pitch to industry - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Submitting a report will count as one engagement for each team member.







### 3) Promoting our exceptional graduate skillsets to industry

- The MSc Finance programme team has designed an extra-curricular lineup of activities to equip you with desirable technical and soft skills.
- By achieving the certificate alongside your degree, you can showcase these skills to employers.
- **The Certificate will appear on the transcript of successful candidates.**

*“...while technical proficiency remains a cornerstone of finance jobs, soft skills like communication, leadership, problem-solving, adaptability, and emotional intelligence are crucial for success. Finance professionals who can adapt to change, collaborate effectively, and maintain resilience are seen as highly valuable in the industry.”* [Harvard Business School Online](#)

# Certificate in Engagement with Practice in Finance

## How to achieve the certificate?

- Engage with **10 or more qualifying events** (or a combination of events and complete Bloomberg BMC & ESG certification).
- Complete **reflective portfolio** and **skills audit** (Pass/Fail, approx. 1500 words. Due July 2025).
- Events and announcements via module Blackboard page. Preliminary list in [handbook](#).



### 3) Promoting our exceptional graduate skillsets to industry

#### Career Development Support:

- Weds 23rd Oct - Job Search - 2pm Room D/WB-1011
- Mon 28th Oct - CV session - 11am ONLINE
- Wed 30th Oct - Term 1 Focus 2pm - Room D/WB-1011
- Weds 6th Nov - LinkedIn - 10am ONLINE
- Tues 12th Nov - Term 1 Focus - 11.30am ONLINE
- Fri 15th Nov - Job Search - 10am ONLINE
- Tues 19th Nov - CV Session -11am ONLINE
- Weds 27th Nov - LinkedIn - 2pm ONLINE
- Mon 2nd Dec - CV Session - 10am ONLINE
- Wed 4th Dec - LinkedIn - 2.30pm ONLINE

### 3) Promoting our exceptional graduate skillsets to industry

#### Career Development Support:

- Weds 22nd Jan - Mindset - 2pm – Room D/WB1011
- Fri 24th Jan – LinkedIn – 2.30pm - ONLINE
- Mon 27th Jan – Interview Prep – 10am - ONLINE
- Weds 29th Jan - Term 2 Careers Focus - 2pm D/WB1011
- Mon 3rd Feb – Interview Prep – ONLINE - 10am
- Weds 5th Feb – Do's and Don't of UK Workplace Culture - 2pm Room D/WB-1011
- Weds 12th Feb - Careers Drop In session - 2pm - D/WB1011
- Weds 19th Feb – Jobsearch in UK – 2.30pm ONLINE
- Weds 26th Feb – Interview Prep – 2.30pm - ONLINE
- Weds 12th March – Term 2 Careers Focus – 2pm – D/WB1011
- Mon 24th March - LinkedIn – 10am – ONLINE

### 3) Promoting our exceptional graduate skillsets to industry

#### CFA Affiliation, Resources, Scholarships and Events:

- The CFA is globally recognised as the leading professional qualification in finance
- CFA chartership is achieved by sitting 3 exams and holding relevant industry experience.
- MSc Finance is affiliated to the prestigious Chartered Institute of Financial Analysts
- As Durham MSc Finance students you have access to:
  - CFA study material and resources
  - Seminars series
  - Networking events
  - Nine partial scholarships (Deadline in June 2025)



## 4) Durham's Broad Networks – Professors in Practice

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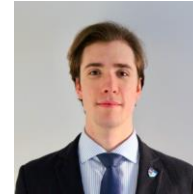
## 4) Durham's Broad Networks – Alumni and Alumni Panels

- Alumni team:  
[Alumni and friends - Durham University Business School](#)
- Upcoming:
- Introduction from Alumni, **TLC042, Friday 4th, 11:30-12:00**
  - Alumni panel – To be announced

Previous years:



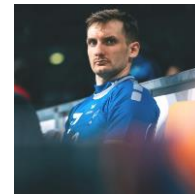
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HRSSC  
Jame Technology  
China



**Sebastian Marland**  
Equity Research  
Analyst  
AFS Group BV  
Amsterdam



**Anshul Sanghavi**  
Strategic Management  
Senior Analyst  
Goldman Sachs  
India



**Avery Aylsworth**  
Blackrock,  
Winner of  
prestigious  
Lombard Prize

## 4) Durham's Broad Networks – International Engagement


- International opportunities
  - International Study Tour
  - Summer school
  - Dissertation Abroad
- ZIBS Global Consulting Project
- World class data centres:  
Orbis, Bloomberg, WRDS,  
LSEG/Refinitiv
- World Class Research Centres






The opportunities to learn more skills to be well equipped for my future career and being more prepared for what my future career path may bring with the careers' workshops





I have gained professional financial skills and met many hardworking classmates who are willing to attend classes on weekends. Each of them has their own strengths, and everyone has something worth learning from.





# More information

1. Scholarships - [business.scholarships@durham.ac.uk](mailto:business.scholarships@durham.ac.uk)
2. Colleges [colleges.postgrad@durham.ac.uk](mailto:colleges.postgrad@durham.ac.uk)
3. Programme team (relating changing module etc) - [business.masters@durham.ac.uk](mailto:business.masters@durham.ac.uk)
4. General admissions, enquires - <https://www.durham.ac.uk/study/ask-us/>
5. **Offer Holder Information**
6. **Register for upcoming events**

# Questions & Answers

