Overview

The 100 Women in Finance JumpStart Program is a multi-day virtual experience that provides college-age students with an introduction to the financial services industry and the opportunity to meet experienced professionals.

In many ways, JumpStart is exactly what the name suggests: an entry-point into the finance industry from which students can continue to build and explore. Throughout the course of the program, participants receive career guidance, industry information, interviewing and networking tips, and opportunities to interact with professionals, recruiters, and fellow students from around the world. The program is intended to serve as a pre-internship primer and is geared for students at any stage of their career exploration. Some may have already landed finance internships, while others are seeking guidance about where to begin their search.

Thanks to the generous support of our corporate partners and their commitment to access, we are proud to provide JumpStart free of charge to students.
Who Attends JumpStart?

During 2021 programs, most students were in their second or third year of a 4-year degree.

- Second Year: 37%
- Third Year: 22%
- Fourth Year: 14%
- Graduate: 21%
- First Year: 6%

65% self-identify as students of color

Students hailed from 92 different colleges across 15 countries.
Universities Attended

The following includes institutions attended by JumpStart participants:

American University
Barnard College
Baruch College
Bates College
Bocconi University
Boston University
Bowdoin College
BPP University
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
Cornell University
DePaul University
Drexel University
Duke Kunshan University
Duke University
École supérieure des sciences commerciales d’Angers
Edhec Business School
Emory University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul
FHNW Basel
Florida International University
Fordham College
Gabelli School of Business
Georgetown University
Goldey-Beacom College
Gonzaga University
Gordon College
Harvard University
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Humber College
Imperial College London
Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women
IU Kelley School of Business
Kenyon College
King’s College London
Lafayette College
London School of Economics
London South Bank University
Munich Business School
Northwestern University
NYU
NYU Shanghai

NYU Stern School Of Business
Ohio State University
Penn State University
Pitzer College
Princeton University
Rollins College
Smith College
Smith School of Business
Stanford University
Suffolk University
Texas A&M University
The University of Miami Herbert Business School
The University of Sydney
UC Berkeley
UC Santa Barbara
UCLA
Université Paris Dauphine
University College London
University College of the Cayman Islands
University of British Columbia
University of Chicago
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Hong Kong
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Gies College of Business
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Michigan
University of Oxford
University of Pennsylvania
University of Richmond
University of Scranton
University of St. Gallen
University of Texas Austin
University of the Western Cape
University of Toronto Rotman Commerce
University of Virginia
University of Waterloo
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
University of Warwick
Wellesley College
Wilfrid Laurier University
Yale–NUS College
Yeshiva University
What Students are Saying

- Rated their knowledge of opportunities in the finance industry as “high” or “very high” before attending JumpStart: 26%
- Rated their knowledge of opportunities in the finance industry as “high” or “very high” after attending JumpStart: 94%
- Reported that they would recommend JumpStart to a friend: 100%

“I really enjoyed hearing each speaker’s personal journeys given their extremely diverse backgrounds. I particularly liked when they broke down preconceived notions of being a woman in finance. Hearing their enthusiasm for their current job really motivates me to pursue finance in the future.”

“This program was one of the most beneficial things that I have done towards preparing for my career. I learned so much from each speaker and look forward to applying this knowledge as I progress in my education and career.”

“The most valuable part of JumpStart for me was getting to hear stories from a variety of people in the finance industry. I have felt that every finance professional that attended my university followed the same path to get to where they ended up. It was reassuring to hear that everyone’s path will be unique.”

“[The most valuable part of JumpStart was] seeing just how many other women my age are interested in a career in finance. I found it very empowering and welcoming to see people like me, especially women, pursuing such a powerful career path.”
Past Events

JumpStart was launched in May 2021. Since then, we hosted an autumn global event (October 2021) and a regional one-day program in Hong Kong (September 2021).

Session topics have included:

- All About ESG
- Sales & Trading
- Legal Careers in Finance
- Private Equity & Africa
- Hedge Funds 101
- Recent Graduates Panel
- Recruiter Panel: You Belong Here
- Crafting Your Path: Diversity & Mentorship

Participating firms have included:

- Ardinall Investment Management
- Aruwa Capital Management
- BlackRock
- Bravo
- DE Shaw & Co
- Focus Financial Partners
- Goldman Sachs
- HSBC
- Katten
- Permit Capital Advisors, LLC
- Radiant ESG
- Societe Generale
- Swiss Re
- The Wall Street Journal

& More!
2022 Dates and Agenda (Tentative)

Day 1
Focus: Industry basics + generating enthusiasm
30 min  Keynote
40 min  Industry Lingo Primer
10 min  Student Breakout
45 min  Panel: A Day in the Life
45 min  Mentorship Session

Day 2
Focus: Exploring roles + preparing for internships/jobs
35 min  Industry Exploration Session #1
35 min  Industry Exploration Session #2

Industry exploration topics may include:
- ESG & Sustainability
- Fintech
- Venture Capital
- Sales & Trading
- Investment Banking
- Nontraditional Roles

45 min  Finance Recruiting + Resume Workshop
30 min  Mock Coffee Chat + Tips
30 min  How To Stand Out During Your First Days in the Office
Get in Touch

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