

VANDY IN Finance

This community prepares students to excel in the competitive finance industry, including areas such as investment banking, asset management, private equity and venture capital. Through specialized resources and skill-building workshops, the community supports students navigating the rigorous recruitment process. Signature initiatives—such as Vandy 2 Wall Street (V2WS), Finance Fest and industry treks to New York City—offer immersive, results-driven experiences.

Interested in Finance?

Join the Vandy in Finance Newsletter

Be the first to know about upcoming events and programs, including on-campus company visits and recruiting opportunities.

Complete Handshake Profile

Identify interests and learn more about job and internship opportunities.



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Get Vandy Ready for roles in
finance.

COMMON CAREER PATHWAYS

Investment Banking

A career in investment banking entails advising clients on financial transactions, raising capital, and navigating complex markets to drive growth and maximize value.

Investment Management

A career in investment management involves overseeing and growing clients' financial assets through strategic investment in stocks, bonds, real estate and other securities.

Private Equity & Venture Capital

A career in private equity or venture capital offers the opportunity to invest in and help grow companies—from innovative startups to established businesses—while honing financial expertise and strategic decision-making skills.

Real Estate

A career in real estate finance combines financial expertise with in-depth knowledge of property markets, focusing on the investment in and management of real estate assets.

TOP PROGRAMS TO KNOW

Vandy 2 Wall Street

Vandy 2 Wall Street is a transformative program that empowers Vanderbilt undergraduates to become future leaders in the financial services industry. Through a combination of technical training and real-world insights, V2WS prepares students to secure competitive internships and launch high-impact careers in finance.

Coffee Chats & Networking

Employers host coffee chats during the school year, offering valuable one-on-one conversations and networking opportunities before recruiting season begins. Students can sign up for these sessions through Handshake. Be sure to take advantage of these events to build name recognition and leave a strong impression with top employers.



COMPANIES TO CONSIDER

Goldman Sachs

JPMORGAN
CHASE & CO.

Bank of America.

citigroup

Morgan Stanley

BARCLAYS

WELLS
FARGO

Jefferies

ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN

BlackRock

NOMURA

Deutsche Bank

RECRUITMENT TIMELINE

The **finance industry recruits early**, with investment banks opening applications for junior year summer internships as early as January of sophomore year—18 months in advance. Recruiting for summer internships in other areas of finance typically begins in the spring of sophomore year as well, though there are still some roles posted closer to the start date. Since junior summer internships often lead to full-time offers, being prepared and proactive is essential.

Many finance firms offer Early Insights or Experiential Learning programs for first-year and sophomore students which provide the opportunity to explore a particular firm or a specific job role. Applications for these programs open in the summer or early fall and can help students stand out by demonstrating an interest in finance and establishing relationships with hiring contacts. **Read the weekly Vandy in Finance newsletter to explore recruiting resources** and secure your internship.

ALUMNI TIPS & INSIGHTS

Breaking into Wall Street is as much about who you know as what you know—focus on building a strong network by forming genuine, meaningful connections, and don't underestimate the power of reaching out to alumni or professionals for guidance. While it's important to cast a wide net across companies and industries, take the time to dive deep into specific topics that interest you, as intellectual curiosity and specialized knowledge can set you apart in this competitive field.

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