

FIRST STEPS IN **FINANCE**

Kickstart your finance journey at Vanderbilt with this quick-start checklist. Below you'll find the best ways to plug into the community, get recruiting news delivered to you, learn core skills, and polish your resume—plus drop-in hours for one-on-one support. Work through the steps in order or jump to what you need; each link takes you directly to a resource that will help you move forward with confidence.

SIGN UP for the Vandy in Finance weekly newsletter sent on Fridays via Handshake [here](#).

SUBSCRIBE to daily/weekly newsletters to have finance information pushed to you

Job/recruiting sites:

["The Pulse"](#) - great weekly updates on new applications by class year.

[Adventis Internship Database](#) - comprehensive list of openings.

[RecruitU](#) - priority recruiting with partner firms.

[hellohive](#) - virtual programming for rising sophomores and job seekers with resume drops to many of the large IBs.

Daily finance newsletters:

[Best Financial Newsletters](#) | [Top Recommendations](#)

[1440: Daily Digest](#) & [1440: Finance & Investing](#)

[Daily Peel](#)

[Exec-Sum](#)

[AmplifyME](#)

Free newspaper subscriptions

Access to the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times and New York Times [here](#).

EDUCATE yourself about the different roles in finance and the recruiting timeline via the [Vandy in Finance Toolkit](#).

Click on the links on each page as they'll guide you through your next steps and demystify the process.

CREATE YOUR RESUME.

Use the [Vandy-in-Finance-Resume-Template](#).

Read the article about the [X-Y-Z Formula](#) and make your bullets pop (see #3).

Check your resume with AI: [ResumeAI](#) | [Big Interview](#) (free via Vanderbilt, use your school email).



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MASTER Excel skills via a free WSO course - [WSO Excel](#) (register with your school email).

SHOW an interest in finance on your resume:

Join the Vanderbilt Finance Club (open to ALL students)

[Vanderbilt Finance Club](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Linktree](#). Attend meetings so you can not only put the club on your resume, but you will also have a community of like-minded students with whom to share ideas and ask questions.

Complete a job simulation via [Forage](#).

This site that partners with top financial firms and allows you to gain skills in an area of expertise, like IB and IM, through asynchronous project-based learning and then add the skillset to your resume in the "Skills & Interests" section at the bottom.

Get certified in Bloomberg, FactSet, Refinitiv and Pitchbook (NEW, PE & VC-focused!).

View the 10-minute [Zoom](#) which explain the resources found in this link: [Financial Platform Certifications - Heard Library](#) (scroll to the bottom). Add to your resume upon completion!

Free finance simulation.

Try [AmplifyME](#) to help prepare you for a career in finance. You can also sign up for the newsletters and podcasts.

ATTEND Vandy in Finance Drop-in Hours:

In-Person Drop-In Hours.

ViF Student Ambassador, [Leon Mhingiro](#):

Tuesdays/Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:00pm in Sarratt, 3rd Fl.

Wednesdays from 2:00 to 3:00pm in Calhoun 215D.

Virtual Drop-In Hours ([Info](#)).

ViF Career Coach, Kate Shepherd:

Wednesdays from 11:00am to 12:00pm, [Zoom](#).

