THE PROGRAM

By blending financial theory with real-world experience, SFU Beedie’s Master of Science in Finance (MSc Finance) prepares you for the fast-paced, ever-changing world of Finance.

Designed to meet the increasing global demand for finance professionals, the MSc Finance covers the fundamentals of finance and also offers courses related to Fintech, Investment Management, Risk Management, Research, and Sustainable Finance.

At a glance:

• The MSc Finance program is built on fundamental finance theory and practice
• The program is delivered in a full-time format over the course of 16 months, divided into four terms
• Classes take place in downtown Vancouver, which is among the top five most livable cities in the world based on The Global Liveability Index 2022 published by the U.K.-based Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)
• Students can apply to join the SIAS fund and have the opportunity to manage one of North America’s largest student-run portfolios (SIAS pg. 9)

Our MSc Finance graduates have the opportunity to jump start their careers in Canada and work in positions across the full spectrum of financial and regulatory institutions.

ABOUT SFU BEEDIE

Simon Fraser University’s Beedie School of Business is a dynamic business school with a reputation for delivering world-class research and programs across our three British Columbia campuses. We pioneered Canada’s first Executive MBA and the first Indigenous Business Leadership EMBA in North America. Accredited by AACSB and EQUIS, we are recognized for our innovation, social responsibility, and global outlook. SFU Beedie is home to SFU RADIUS, our social innovation hub, and the Charles Change Institute for Entrepreneurship. Today, we have more than 30,000 alumni in over 84 countries. 2022 marked SFU Beedie’s 40th anniversary.

PREPARE FOR A DEMANDING CAREER

The Top 10

1% of business schools worldwide have AACSB and EQUIS accreditation

#1 comprehensive university in Canada according to Maclean’s Magazine 14 out of the last 15 years (as of 2023)

#1 university for innovation and entrepreneurial spirit according to the World’s Universities with Real Impact 2022 rankings

#8 university in the world for impact on sustainable cities and communities according to The Times Higher Education (THE) 2022 Impact Rankings

Top 10 Business School in Canada (Maclean’s 2022 Rankings)
THE DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER ADVANTAGE

STUNNINGLY BEAUTIFUL, STRATEGICALLY LOCATED

Again and again, Vancouver is voted one of the most beautiful, livable cities in the world. But that’s just one of the reasons people enjoy being here. Vancouver’s many connections to global financial capitals makes it the perfect launching pad for an international career in finance.

Vancouver is the financial cornerstone of Canada’s west coast. All five of Canada’s largest banks have offices in Vancouver. Several international banks also have significant operations in Vancouver including the Canadian headquarters of HSBC — one of the world’s largest banks.

In a city that is known for its innovation, Vancouver has 0.19 unicorn* companies per 100,000 people (*Unicorn companies are defined as startups whose value is more than $1 billion). This exceeds Singapore’s ratio of 0.18, and Toronto’s ratio of 0.08.

LIFE IN VANCOUVER

Surrounded by a stunning backdrop of mountains, forests, and oceans, Vancouver offers world-class outdoor activities all year round in one of the world’s most beautiful cities. Whether you want to go hiking in the North Shore mountains, kayaking in False Creek, or paddle boarding in Whistler, Vancouver offers you endless breathtaking views and opportunities to participate in a variety of outdoor activities and sports. Vancouver has one of the most temperate climates in Canada, so you will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and cultivate a healthy and active lifestyle.

With an incredible diversity of cultures, Vancouver is one of Canada’s most vibrant and energizing cities. Ranked the third most livable city in the world, there are endless activities to experience in the city, from concerts and sports games at BC Place and Rogers Arena to biking around Stanley Park on the seawall. A city filled with arts and culture, Vancouver is home to the Vancouver Art Gallery and the Vancouver International Film Festival.

Watch now: MSc. Finance Alumnus, Vinny shares his experience moving to Vancouver, Canada to pursue the Master of Science in Finance program.

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WORLD’S MOST LIVABLE CITY (CNN 2022)

5000+
RESTAURANTS AND CAFES IN THE GREATER VANCOUVER AREA

240+
HEAD OFFICES IN VANCOUVER

TOP 30
STARTUP ECOSYSTEM IN THE WORLD
(Startup Genome 2022)

200+
TECH COMPANIES THAT GENERATE $23 BILLION IN REVENUE
(Vancouver Economic Commission 2022)
SFU’s Segal Graduate School
SFU Beedie’s MSc Finance program takes place at SFU’s Segal Graduate School in the heart of downtown Vancouver. The 60,000 sq. ft. space boasts state-of-the-art classroom and meeting room facilities. The campus’s central location makes commuting easy and helps integrate you into the local business community while also providing easy access to Vancouver’s dining and entertainment scene for after-class socials.

Your New Home: The Charles Chang Innovation Centre
SFU Beedie MSc Finance students enjoy priority access to SFU’s apartment-style downtown Vancouver residence. This residence allows our graduate students to be fully immersed in the Vancouver lifestyle as it is conveniently located within walking distance from the campus and offers diverse options for transportation, restaurants, grocery stores, and shopping.

The Charles Chang Innovation Centre was opened in 2016 and houses the student residences as well as SFU’s Charles Chang Institute for Entrepreneurship. The Innovation Centre is also home to SFU’s RADIUS Social Innovation Lab and Venture Incubator.

Want to learn more? Click here.
By incorporating ESG into SIAS’ investment analysis and decision-making process, we learned how to assess companies’ business models through a broader spectrum and were able to interpret externality risks and benefits that account for more robust valuations.

– Julia Ferreira, MSc Finance Alumnus, Investment Officer, WSIB

Our Student Investment Advisory Service (SIAS) Fund is the largest student-led fund in Canada and one of the largest in the world. Established in 2003 with $9 million CAD, the fund has a current value of $21 million CAD (as of Sept. 30, 2022).

Managing the fund gives you real investment, risk management and compliance experience and offers the chance to engage with industry leaders. Every quarter, the SIAS fund presents a review in front of an Industry Performance Review Committee.

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES
At SFU Beedie, we are committed to applying Environmental, Social, and Governance criteria to endowment investments, including SIAS. These principles are also integrated throughout our curriculum to help you become a more conscientious leader and develop these in-demand skills.
Our MSc Finance program is a full-time, 16-month program delivered over four terms, at the highest standard. It offers a wide selection of courses based on a foundation of financial theory and real-world experience. The curriculum consists of an online introductory component and four main in-person semesters.

For students interested in the optionality of continuing their studies after the MSc Finance, the highly selective Research stream courses provide credit when entering the SFU Beedie PhD program (these courses will have a minimum GPA requirement of 3.5).

MODULAR SYSTEM
Our courses are offered in modular form, meaning, you’ll take one course at a time in a shorter period of time - typically around 3 weeks. This system has many advantages such as allowing students to focus on one topic at a time and embeds assessment throughout the term without final exams piling up at the end. It also allows for more flexibility and topic serialization.

The program may include the following courses:
- Principles of Finance (Mathematics, accounting, statistics)
- Financial Modelling
- Risk Management
- Asset Management
- Financial Research & Econometrics
- Corporate Finance
- Fintech
- Financial Data Analytics
- Corporate Social Responsibility & Impact Investing

The exact selection of core courses and electives are subject to change. Subject to Board of Governors & Senate approval.

"I think SFU Beedie really lays a solid foundation. Not many schools have a rigorous program that really trains you for the industry. I believe it has played an important role in my success. I feel indebted to the school and my professors for the valuable lessons I learnt over the course of the program at Simon Fraser University.”
— Abhishek Rokade, MSc Finance Alumnus, Risk Manager, RBC Capital Markets

Renowned worldwide, our faculty are known for their cutting-edge research. But it’s not all ivory towers around here. Our professors, instructors, and visiting finance professionals have extensive industry experience to help you prepare for your own.

Frederick Willeboordse, PhD (Tsukuba), MA (Amsterdam)
ACADEMIC DIRECTOR
Frederick has two degrees from the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands, and a Ph.D. in Theoretical/Computational Physics from the University of Tsukuba in Japan. Previously, he was a postdoc at the University of Tokyo and later a tenured Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore. Frederick owned an Apple retail shop in one of Hong Kong’s famous computer malls in the Sham Shui Po district, as well as an internet hosting and e-commerce business. Frederick has also been an active trader, first trading options in the 80s during his student days. Recently, he has mostly focused on algorithmic trading and runs a server in Chicago where he can test out research ideas in real time.

Deniz Anginer PhD (Michigan), MA(Toronto), BCom (Toronto)
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FINANCE
Deniz Anginer conducts research in banking and capital markets. His research has been widely cited by academics, policy makers and media. Prior to joining the Beedie School of Business at Simon Fraser University, he was an economist at the Development Research Group at the World Bank, working on issues related to green finance, international banking and capital markets. Deniz has a PhD in Finance from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan. Prior to his graduate studies, Deniz worked as a consultant for Oliver Wyman in their New York office.

Ying Duan, PhD (Boston College)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, FINANCE
Ying Duan joined the Beedie School of Business in 2015. Ying holds a PhD in Finance from Boston College. She focuses her research on institutional investors, market efficiency, and corporate governance and has published in a number of leading academic journals, including the Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, and Contemporary Accounting Research.
In the MSc Finance program, your cohort will be composed of critical thinkers from all over the world. You’ll have a personalized experience and countless opportunities to work in teams and engage with your cohort, which will help you build relationships that last throughout your entire career. The majority of our candidates come to the program with degrees in quantitative disciplines, such as mathematics, sciences, engineering, economics or business.

**Nationalities represented**
Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Korea, Mauritius, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Taiwan, Turkey, USA, and Vietnam.

*Colour gradient on map is for illustration purposes only.*

**AVERAGE CLASS DEMOGRAPHICS**

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*Incoming Fall 2022 cohort*
LEARN INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

THIS IS A YEAR TO REMEMBER
SFU Beedie has a well-earned reputation for supporting and encouraging students to explore co-curricular activities to support their learning. We see case competitions, the MBA Games, conferences, and other events as ways to uncover different leadership opportunities, hone your business skills, and tap into a vibrant network of industry leaders. After all, what you learn in the classroom could change your life, but what you learn outside the classroom could change your life.

CASE COMPETITIONS
Challenge yourself by representing SFU Beedie in regional, national, and international case competitions. Apply what you learn in the classroom to real-world business and financial challenges while gaining confidence and skills to analyze problems and make recommendations under pressure. With a dedicated training program and financial support to attend competitions, you’ll be ready to compete with the best, network with industry professionals, and showcase your success.

PRMIA RISK MANAGEMENT CHALLENGE
An award-winning international student competition, the PRMIA Institute Risk Management Challenge offers students the opportunity to apply the concepts they have learned and showcase their knowledge, critical thinking skills, leadership, and presentation abilities while competing to win a US$10,000 cash award.

NATIONAL INVESTMENT BANKING COMPETITION
In this pressure-packed five-hour challenge, you’ll create a buy-side M&A presentation and pitch to a panel of judges and 300 delegates.

CFA GLOBAL INVESTMENT RESEARCH CHALLENGE
In this challenge, you’ll create a detailed research report for a company and defend your investment thesis to a panel of judges.

ENGAGE INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM
From 2012-2016, SFU Beedie MSc Finance students took home the top prize at the world’s largest student-managed portfolio competition—the Engage International Investment Education Symposium. In association with the United Nations Global Compact, North American colleges and universities with student-managed portfolios compete in the areas of growth, value, blend/core and asset allocation styles of management.

STUDENT CLUBS
Your education goes beyond the classroom. Join a club to develop leadership, team-building, event management, and networking skills.

The Graduate Business Student Association plays an active role in the leadership of our school. From feedback on the program and curriculum to creating social and educational events, this group works to continuously improve the SFU Beedie student experience.

Net Impact is a student club dedicated to sustainability. It empowers SFU Beedie students to become future-focused and responsible business leaders who make a positive environmental, social, and economic impact in their community and beyond.

The Graduate Women’s Council strives to empower women to lead and succeed in the workplace while pledging to work toward a more inclusive and equal society by organizing networking opportunities, workshops, and access to external events aimed at developing and sustaining a culture of support and encouragement.

The JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion) Council fosters a learning environment where all students feel welcome, safe, accepted, and appreciated through events, workshops, and activities to raise awareness and build a sense of community.

GRADUATE MANAGEMENT CONSULTING CAREER PREPARATION (GMCCP) PROGRAM
The GMCCP focuses on introducing graduate students to the basics of preparing for a case interview. During this program you will be exposed to the case interview format and will practice some of the key skills that need to be mastered in order to be successful during a case interview. The program will focus on structured analysis, logical reasoning and client focused communication. Topics covered will include how to structure a case interview, mental math, issue trees, interpreting visual information and effective presentations. Guest speakers and consultants will be invited to provide further insight into consulting and case interviews.

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS
Attending conferences is an opportunity to meet and connect with business individuals in the community while gaining exposure to new ideas and innovations. The SFU Beedie Student Engagement Office shares information and potential sponsorship for students to attend events hosted by organizations and associations such as Professional Risk Managers’ International Association (PRMIA), Chartered Financial Analyst Institute, and Investment Management Association.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
On an annual basis, the MSc Finance program selects Student Ambassadors to represent the SFU Beedie in a variety of activities, including recruitment, marketing, student and alumni engagement, as well as, orientation.

Read more about the student experience on our student blog: afewgoodminds.com
Whether you already know where you want to go with your career or you’re exploring your options, we are here to support your career journey. We’ll start by providing you with self-assessment tools and then give personalized coaching on how to map out future possibilities, assess your fit in the marketplace and tap into the hidden job market. You’ll have access to these services even after you’ve graduated.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES
It’s who you know. From classmates to professors to industry leaders, you’ll tap into a vibrant network when you participate in the countless opportunities available.

MENTORS IN BUSINESS
Take advantage of the largest one-on-one business mentorship programs in Western Canada. Last year, the Career Management Centre (CMC) matched students with over 300 industry professionals. These mentors are keen on helping you build business relationships and offering career guidance and advice. Mentors share their knowledge, experience, and wisdom to help you make informed career choices.

BUILDING INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE
We will give you an edge over the competition with company tours, guest speakers, spotlight on industry events, career panels and collaboration with professional associations, including CFA Society, PRMIA, CAIA, CAASA.

DEDICATED CAREER CONSULTANT
Your dedicated Career Consultant will help you to plan for success and give you the resources you need to stand out. You will benefit from personalized support, useful resources and tools, career-building skills, and opportunities to network with industry professionals.

OTHER CMC OFFERINGS:
- Career Events
- Employer mock interviews
- Resume building workshop
- LinkedIn profile workshop

You’ll have the opportunity to participate in non-credit workshops on topics such as:
- Python  - Financial Modeling
- Tableau  - Capital Markets
- Power BI

Our MSc Finance program sets you on your desired career path whether that be in academia or industry. With a dedicated career consultant, countless networking opportunities and invaluable resources, you’ll get all the support you need to level up.
A love of numbers and a passion for problem-solving led Christine Jakshoej to the MSc Finance degree offered at SFU Beedie. She sought a program focused on the qualitative, quantitative, and analytical skills needed for a career in finance. As Chief Compliance Officer for the then 18-million dollar, student-led SIAS Fund, Christine emerged as a leader and honed the sophisticated financial management skills she applies today as Head of Professional Services Americas at FINCAD, a leading provider of valuation and risk solutions for derivative and fixed income portfolios.

“The MSc Finance program gave me the technical foundation that I couldn’t function without. I work with clients in very senior roles, and it’s important to demonstrate your technical knowledge to gain their trust.”
— Christine Jakshoej, MSc Alumnus
Head of Professional Services America, FINCAD

As portfolio manager for the then 19-million dollar student-led SIAS fund, he honed his skills in investment through hands-on experience managing real money. David is currently adding value through his role as Investment Banking Analyst with RBC Capital Markets.

“Through the MSc Finance program, I got my first taste of managing millions of dollars. Now potential employers can trust that I am experienced in investment management and being fully accountable for my investment decisions.”
— David Jiang, MSc Finance Alumnus
Investment Banking Analyst, RBC Capital Markets

As a SFU Beedie student and future alumnus, you are already a member of an exceptional community made up of over 30,000 SFU Beedie alumni who are living and working in diverse industries and organizations across the globe. SFU Beedie Advantage is the platform that allows students and alumni to find each other, share knowledge and experiences, engage in professional networking, and make mentorship connections. As a student, we encourage you to attend events, stay connected, and become familiar with the lifetime benefits you have access to as alumni. To learn more visit beedie.sfu.ca/alumni.
INTERNATIONAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Moving to a new country can be a daunting experience. To support our international students with this transition, students can book a free in-person, phone, or virtual appointment with an International Student Advisor, Immigration Specialist at SFU International Services for Students. International Student Advisors can assist with non-academic questions relating to Canadian immigration documents and regulations (e.g. study permit, visa, work eligibility in Canada, enrollment requirements for SFU international students, and more), medical insurance and the healthcare system in Canada, and provide intercultural transition support and referrals as needed.

POST-GRADUATION WORK PERMIT

At the culmination of the program, successful graduates can leverage the opportunity to apply for a post-graduate work permit of up to three years to live and work in Canada. As you enter the next phase of your career journey, you will be able to integrate all of the experiential opportunities, applied projects, and course concepts that you have learned over the past 16 months. You will be ready to enter the Canadian workforce with a better understanding of business and its effects on the local and global economy. This is the next step in advancing your career and further developing yourself as a socially-minded and responsible business leader.
START YOUR APPLICATION

Here’s what it takes to get into the program.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Undergraduate degree: min 3.0 CGPA in a quantitative discipline
- GMAT: 550 or GRE: 155 in each section
- TOEFL 95+ or IELTS 7+ (with no individual score under 6.5). TOEFL at home will also be accepted
- International applicants will require a valid Canadian study permit
- Professional work experience and internships are an asset, but not required

For more detailed information on the Admission requirements, email mscfin@sfu.ca

APPLICATION PROCESS
Step 1: review the application requirements
Step 2: apply online, pay the application fee, and upload supporting documents including all unofficial transcripts and unofficial test scores.
Step 3: interview if shortlisted

For more information on our admission requirements, application process, and to start your application, click here

MSC FINANCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

APPLICATION DEADLINES
- Round 1: November 24th, 2022
- Round 2: January 29th 2023
- Round 3: March 23rd, 2023
- Round 4: May 11th, 2023 (Final Round for international students)
- Round 5: June 15th, 2023 (Final Round for domestic students)

Please keep in mind that we process applications on a rolling basis and both admissions and scholarship decisions are handed out between application deadlines. You do not need to wait for a deadline to apply.

TUITION
Domestic Tuition: $37,731 CAD**
International Tuition: $52,190 CAD*
* Subject to Board of Governors approval
** Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents

FEES
Textbooks & Materials: $1,500 - $1,850
Student Fees (health insurance, transit pass, recreational/athletic facility pass): $2,550 - $2,831 CAD approx.

CONNECT WITH OUR TEAM
To connect with an advisor, register for an information session, connect with SFU Beedie alumni, or arrange to visit a class, please contact us at 778-782-6625 or email mscfin@sfu.ca

ARE YOU THE RIGHT FIT?

WE WANT ENGAGED STUDENTS WITH DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS
We work hard to recruit the best students from around the world. We look for candidates who can perform at the highest level and who are committed to collaborating with others to bring out the best in their classmates and themselves.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
As an internationally recognized school with a proven track record of academic excellence, we attract intellectual and intelligent students from around the globe. Excellence is embedded in the culture and heart of SFU’s Beedie School of Business. We want students who are ready and willing to rise to the challenge of a robust curriculum and who will emerge as successful graduates of SFU Beedie’s MSc Finance program.

When you graduate from our MSc-Finance program, you’ll understand the fundamentals of finance, asset pricing, market risk management and credit risk management. You’ll be armed with a personalized career plan and have the skills to achieve it. Plus, you’ll establish an invaluable network of industry leaders.

SCHOLARSHIPS
All students admitted to the MSc Finance program are automatically considered for all available scholarships. We offer merit-based scholarships and awards, many of which recognize outstanding achievements in a range of fields. There is no need to submit a separate application for scholarship consideration. Decisions are made by the Admissions Committee on a holistic basis taking into account the overall strength of your application in conjunction with scholarship eligibility criteria.