



Graduate Applied Finance Fellows Program

Fall application deadline: Oct. 1

Spring application deadline: Feb. 1

The Applied Finance Institute (AFI) encourages all interested students in the MS Finance program, and those with a finance concentration in the MBA program to apply to join the Applied Finance Fellows Program. The Fellows Program provides recognition to students who distinguish their achievements in finance with experiential and applied finance curricular and co-curricular activities. Graduate students may apply after completing one semester (full-time equivalent) of courses. To be considered for the program, the graduate student must earn at least a grade of B in every finance course, have 3.5 GPA overall, and submit the attached application to the AFI Executive Director, afi@stjohns.edu, with "AFI Application" in the subject line.

Benefits for Graduate Applied Finance Fellows^a:

- Sponsorship for CFA prep course and study material for the CFA exam,^b
- May apply for AFI Scholarship to experience London, Europe's financial capital, with a Global Destination Course,
- May apply for AFI Sponsorship to attend the Global Asset Management Education (G.A.M.E.) Forum in NYC,
- Opportunity to participate in a variety of valuable co-curricular activities, such as CFA Research Challenge, ACG Cup, FMA Applied Finance Conference, finance practitioner presentations and applied finance research seminars, and
- With successful completion of the requirements (see below), you will receive the AFI "Certificate of Completion."

Graduate Applied Finance Fellows Program Requirements:

- If you receive an invitation to the Fellows program, to formally join the program you must submit for approval the completed and signed "Checklist for AFI Graduate Fellows Program Requirements" to the AFI Executive Director, afi@stjohns.edu, with "AFI Checklist" in the subject line by the due date specified in your invitation;
- Maintain an overall 3.5 GPA and earn at least a grade of B in every finance course;
- Complete at least one class with significant applied and experiential focus, by taking: 1) Asset Management (FIN 684), 2) Mergers, Acquisitions, and Restructuring (FIN 636) with empirical or case analyses, 3) Global Destination Course with applied finance focus, and/or 4) Executive-in-Residence with a finance project;
- Participate in co-curricular activities by: 1) competing in the CFA Research Challenge or ACG Cup, or two trading competitions such as the ETF Portfolio Challenge and CME Trading Challenge, and 2) attending three AFI events, such as applied finance research seminars, finance practitioner presentations, and applied finance conferences/forums. You have flexibility in choosing your competition(s), however you must be pre-approved and the completed contribution will be reviewed and verified by the AFI Director; and
- Attain the Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC) certification. BMC is a self-paced certification with four modules that takes about 8-10 hours to complete on one of the Bloomberg terminals available in our Financial Information Lab.

^a To take advantage of some of these benefits, it may be necessary for Staten Island-based Fellows to travel to the Queens and Manhattan campuses, and for Manhattan-based Fellows to travel to the Queens campus.

^b CFA Sponsorship requires that the Fellow i) has the appropriate academic preparation to gain formal approval from the AFI Director, ii) signs up for the CFA exam and pays the registration fee, iii) is a Tobin student at the time of the CFA test, and iv) confidentially submits their scores to the AFI Director.