



WORK INSPIRATION – Finance

High wages and a demand for skilled workers mean that careers in accounting and finance are an attractive prospect for graduates.

General Career Resources/Information:

- **FUTURE TALENTED** has an article on careers in the [Financial Sector](#), find out what it is like to do virtual work experience in Finance is like and what skills the student learnt from it.
- **BBC Bitesize Careers** has a section on careers in their world of work series which includes:
 - Career as an [accountancy technician](#)
 - Career as a [financial adviser](#)
 - Career as a [financial services administrator](#)
 - Career as a [fundraising development officer](#)
- **Target Careers** – find out about the skills and qualities needed for a job in finance and the routes into this career path.
 - What degree choices are there for [finance careers](#)
 - Skills for [finance apprenticeships](#)
 - What [career in finance](#) would suit me?
 - Life as an [actuarial apprentice](#)
- **The NI Direct** careers website has produced some Careers Occupational Information on a range of careers in the [financial sector](#)
- **National Careers Service** section on [finance and financial careers](#) has a wide range of options, including amongst others:
 - Career as an [auditor](#)
 - Career as an [actuary](#)
 - Career as a [bank manager](#)
 - Career as a [bookmaker](#)
 - Career as a [finance officer](#)
 - Career as a [financial adviser](#)
 - Career as [mortgage adviser](#)
 - Career as a [stockbroker](#)

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- **Student Ladder** – helps students from 16 – 24-year-old make vital [career decisions](#) and help them decide what path they might want to follow.
 - Find out about a career in [investment banking](#)
 - Find out about a career as [insurance broker](#)
 - Find out about a career in [sales and trading](#)
- Explore the [apprenticeship programme](#) with one of Northern Ireland's leading banks – **Danske Bank**.
- Have a look at what type of careers are available at [Progressive Building Society](#).
- **PwC** – we know you have goals and ambitions – but do you want to go to uni or have a career or maybe a combination of both. Find out all you need to know [here](#) in our school and college leavers career hub.
- **Barclays** – Are you interested in an apprenticeship at Barclays. Take this [quiz](#) to find out what a career with us is like. There are no right or wrong answers, it is all about finding out more and what career you might be suited too.
- Explore all Finance careers, jobs and courses and advice all in one place at [ALL ABOUT CAREERS](#).
- Why should I do finance work experience? This article from [School at Succes.org](#) can give you an insight in what a career in the industry might be like and also what transferrable skills you might develop.
- Find out what some of the most important skills you need to develop for a career in finance, as found in this article from [Bright Network](#).
- Meet our [HSBC staff](#) and gain an insight into their experiences of work.
- If you have a passion for maths and want to find out about a career in [ACTUARY](#), have a look at this guide about the career path.
- Gain an insight into a career as an accountant in this attached article from [Accountancy Careers](#).

- Top skills you need to work in the Financial Services sector. Have a read of this article from [BRIGHT NETWORK](#)

UNIVERSITY RELATED

- There is a large variety of jobs in in this sector, you will typically need good business sense, organization skills and be good with numbers. Have a look at some of the case studies to be found on the **UCAS** site.
 - Find out about a career as an [auditor](#)
 - Find out about a career as an [economist](#)
 - Find out about a career as a [management accountant](#)
 - Find out about a career as a [stockbroker](#)
 - Find out about a career as a [tax adviser](#)
- Finance is about making and managing money. A placement with a financial firm is part of this degree. Have a listen to Professor Gareth Campbell taking about [studying finance](#) at **Queen's University Belfast**.
- Find out what courses are on offer at **Ulster University** in the area of finance and download the prospectus [here](#).
- [What is finance?](#) It is how someone manages money to make money. In this **UCAS** guide you can find out what the entry requirements that are needed for a finance degree and you may be surprised that some universities accept BTEC level 3's, as well as A-levels.
- If a career in trading, investment or banking appeals to you, you may wish to look at the wide range of degrees on offer. Have a look on [The Uni Guide](#) to search for all courses on offer.
- Want to study Accounting and Finance? Find out the university rankings for this career path at the [Complete University Guide](#).
- Find out where the top 10 universities for studying [Accounting and Finance](#) are?

SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS

- Discover if a career in [Investment Banking](#) is for you with Fidelity at their offices in Central London.
- Have a listen to this video broadcast with Sarah Breeden, Executive Director of the [Bank of England](#).
- Hear from Branko Bjelobaba, [Finance and Engaging in Democracy Speaker](#) who gives a passionate talk about the UK financial services sector.

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