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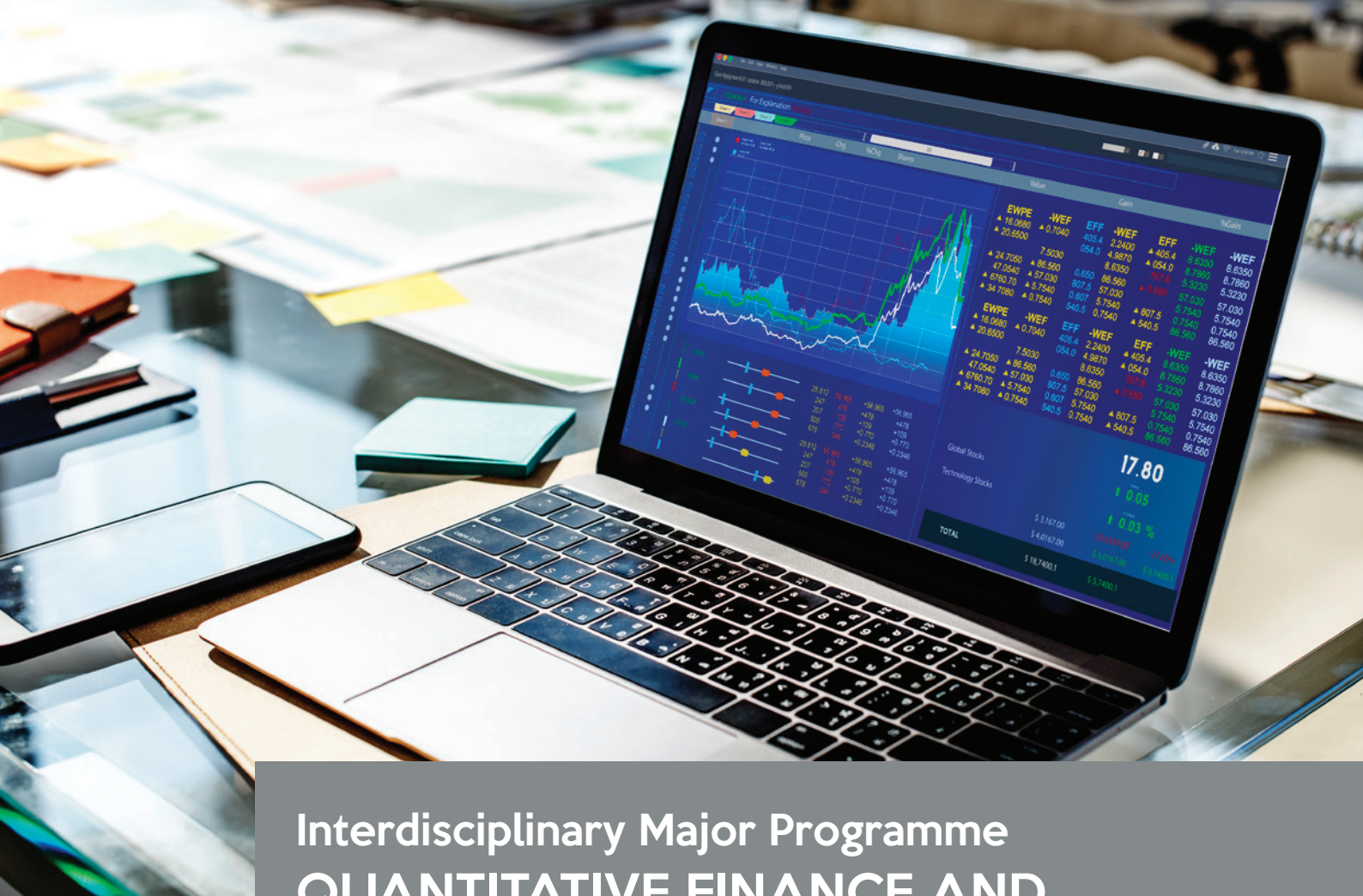


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# MESSAGE FROM PROGRAMME

In light of the recent economic boom in the Asian Pacific Region, providing more tailor-made financial services and quantitative analysis on the underlying commercial activities are of ultimate importance to our rapidly changing community.

In this respect, CUHK continues to play the most critical role in training the future elites with diverse knowledge and skills to best adapt to those challenges and help to maintain Hong Kong as the major economic hub in the region. On the one hand, our world-renowned Business School has the longest history of success and has established a very well-equipped financial laboratory in close association with both financial and government sectors in Hong Kong. While on the other hand, our Faculty of Science also has a massive group of world-leading scientific scholars, including Nobel Laureates, Fields Medalists, and Academicians of Chinese Academy of Sciences, who play frontier roles in all areas of sciences and technological research. With their expertise across multiple disciplines, we can cultivate a cutting-edged learning environment and unique stimulating educational experience. Our Programme aims to nurture talents with both academic excellence and highly relevant soft skills to meet the growing demands in Hong Kong, mainland China and the rest of the world. Over the past few years, our students have acquired a broad exchange experience in various prestigious universities around the globe. Our Programme has also established strong networks and partnerships with the finance industry.



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# OVERVIEW

The Programme is jointly administered by the Department of Finance and the Department of Statistics at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. It combines the strengths and features of two well-established and highly successful programmes from the respective departments: the Quantitative Finance programme and the Risk Management Science programme. The Programme is one of the top programmes among all quantitatively related programmes in Hong Kong in terms of admission credentials.

As a major financial service centre, Hong Kong has a growing demand for professionals with both quantitative finance and risk management science background. The Programme provides state-of-the-art training in business and finance, risk management science, mathematics and statistics, and computing applications. By offering comprehensive academic and professional training, our Programme aims to nurture competent finance and risk management professionals who can work in investment banking, corporate and commercial banking, consulting, accounting and financial services, as well as in general management in the financial and government sectors. With our official tailor-made coaching schemes, students are also encouraged to participate in overseas exchanges and internships.

The Programme has established strong networks and partnerships with the finance industry over the years. Outstanding performance during internship renders strong motives for companies to offer them permanent positions upon graduation. The Programme also enables students to build up a solid theoretical background for pursuing further study, at the Master or PhD levels, in economics, finance, actuarial science and insurance, mathematics, statistics and risk management science.





# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum criteria for applications are four core and two electives in HKDSE with the following requirements:

- Level 3 or above in Chinese Language
- Level 3 or above in English Language
- Level 3 or above in Mathematics
- Attained in Citizenship and Social Development
- Level 3 or above in any two elective subject

Remarks:

1. M1 or M2 is counted as an elective
2. Double weight in English and Mathematics
3. 1.5 weight in the best one subject of M1/M2, Chemistry, Physics or Economics

## JUPAS Admission Grades

### 2021 ENTRY

| Admission Figures | CHIN | ENG | MATH | LS | MI/M2 | Best Elective | 2nd Elective | 3rd Elective |
|-------------------|------|-----|------|----|-------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Upper Quartile    | 5    | 5   | 5**  | 4  | 5**   | 5**           | 5**          | 5*           |
| Median            | 4    | 4   | 5**  | 4  | 5*    | 5**           | 5**          | 5**          |
| Lower Quartile    | 3    | 4   | 5**  | 4  | 5**   | 5**           | 5*           | 5*           |

### 2022 ENTRY

| Admission Figures | CHIN | ENG | MATH | LS  | MI/M2 | Best Elective | 2nd Elective | 3rd Elective |
|-------------------|------|-----|------|-----|-------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Upper Quartile    | 4    | 5   | 5**  | 5** | 5**   | 5**           | 5*           | -            |
| Median            | 4    | 5   | 5*   | 5   | 5**   | 5**           | 5**          | -            |
| Lower Quartile    | 4    | 5   | 5**  | 3   | 5*    | 5*            | 5*           | 5            |

### 2023 ENTRY

| Admission Figures | CHIN | ENG | MATH | LS  | MI/M2 | Best Elective | 2nd Elective | 3rd Elective |
|-------------------|------|-----|------|-----|-------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Upper Quartile    | 5*   | 5   | 5**  | 5** | 5*    | 5**           | 5**          | 5**          |
| Median            | 4    | 5   | 5**  | 4   | 5**   | 5**           | 5*           | 5*           |
| Lower Quartile    | 5*   | 5   | 5**  | 4   | 5**   | 5*            | 5*           | 5            |

### 2024 ENTRY

| Admission Figures | CHIN | ENG | MATH | CS | MI/M2 | Best Elective | 2nd Elective | 3rd Elective |
|-------------------|------|-----|------|----|-------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Upper Quartile    | 5    | 5*  | 5**  | A  | 5*    | 5**           | 5**          | 5*           |
| Median            | 3    | 5   | 5**  | A  | 5*    | 5**           | 5**          | 5            |
| Lower Quartile    | 5*   | 5*  | 5**  | A  | 5*    | 5*            | 5            | 4            |

| Year | Ranking of QFRM at CUHK* |
|------|--------------------------|
| 2024 | 3                        |
| 2023 | 2                        |
| 2022 | 3                        |
| 2021 | 3                        |

\* In terms of the median admission scores for the best five subjects



# COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

## Faculty Package

- University Mathematics
- Economics for Business Studies I & II

## Risk Management Science

- Introduction to Risk Management
- Simulation Methods for Risk Management Science and Finance
- Statistical Modelling in Financial Markets

## Elective Courses

- Statistical Principles of Deep Learning with Business Applications
- Banking and Finance Practicum
- Practicum
- Corporate Finance: Theory and Practice
- Multivariate Techniques with Business Applications
- Actuarial Science
- Stochastic Calculus for Finance and Risk
- Time Series
- Risk Management with Derivatives Concepts
- Financial Data Analytics with Machine Learning

## Mathematics and Statistics

- Linear Algebra I
- Advanced Calculus I
- Basic Concepts in Statistics and Probability I & II
- Introduction to Stochastic Processes
- Applied Regression Analysis

## Quantitative Finance

- Financial Markets
- Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management
- Financial Management / Financial Management: Foundations and Analysis
- Foundations in Financial Accounting / Introductory Financial Accounting
- Risk Management and Insurance

## Computing Applications

- Computer Principles and Programming (C/C++/Java/Python/Visual)
- Business Information Systems / Data Structures and Applications / Fundamentals in Information Systems

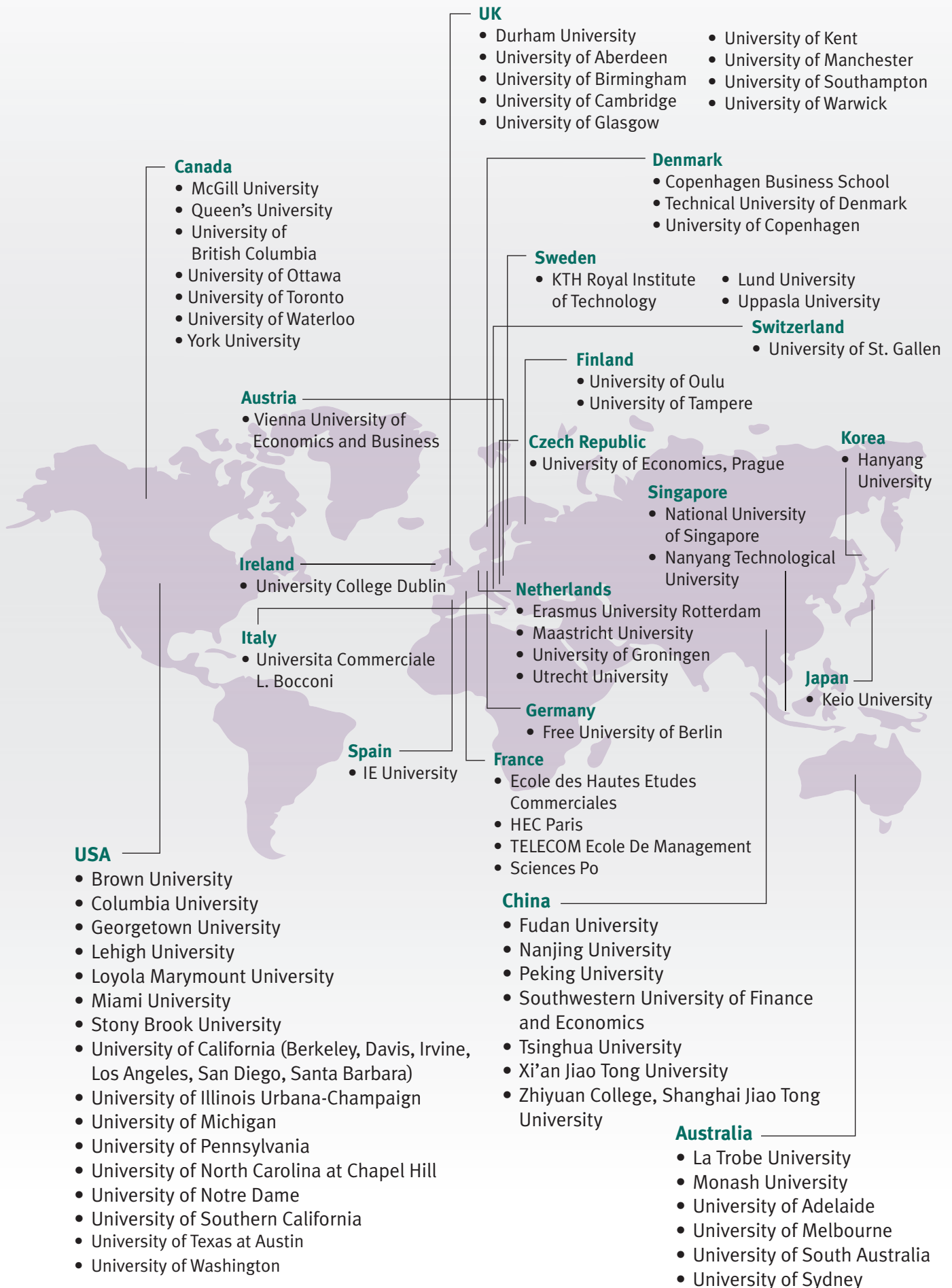
### Sample Study Pattern of an Alumnus

|                                  |                            |  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b>First Year of Attendance</b>  | <b>1<sup>st</sup> term</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundations in Financial Accounting</li> <li>• Economics for Business Studies I</li> <li>• University Mathematics</li> </ul>  |
|                                  | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> term</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economics for Business Studies II</li> <li>• Financial Management</li> <li>• Linear Algebra I</li> <li>• Computer Principles and C++ Programming</li> </ul>   |
|                                  | <b>Summer term</b>         | ♦ Short Term Non-Local Exchange (e.g. the United Kingdom and Mainland China)   |
| <b>Second Year of Attendance</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> term</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Concepts in Statistics and Probability I</li> <li>• Introduction to Risk Management</li> </ul>  |
|                                  | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> term</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Concepts in Statistics and Probability II</li> <li>• Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management</li> </ul>  |
|                                  | <b>Summer term</b>         | ♦ Internship in an Investment Banking Company  |
| <b>Third Year of Attendance</b>  | <b>1<sup>st</sup> term</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Overseas Exchange (e.g. Canada, the United States and Europe) and study equivalent courses of below:</li> <li>• Financial Markets</li> <li>• Options and Futures</li> <li>• Advanced Calculus I</li> <li>• Introduction to Stochastic Processes</li> </ul>      |
|                                  | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> term</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk Management and Insurance</li> <li>• Fixed Income Securities Analysis</li> <li>• Applied Regression Analysis</li> <li>• Business Information Systems</li> <li>• Research Project in Quantitative Finance</li> </ul>   |
|                                  | <b>Summer term</b>         | ♦ Internship in a Hedge Fund Company   |
| <b>Fourth Year of Attendance</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> term</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time Series</li> <li>• Financial Data Analytics with Machine Learning</li> <li>• Statistical Inference</li> <li>• Statistical Modelling in Financial Markets</li> </ul>   |
|                                  | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> term</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security Analysis</li> <li>• Quantitative Methods for Financial Derivatives</li> <li>• Simulation Methods for Risk Management Science and Finance</li> <li>• Statistical Principles of Deep Learning with Business Applications</li> <li>• Practicum</li> </ul> |



# OVERSEAS EXCHANGE

QFRM students are encouraged to study and experience life in overseas universities. Over 85% of our students had exchange experiences and they participated in exchanges with universities around the world. Previous students' exchange places include:



# Student Exchange Experiences

## University of Pennsylvania

### 1. LEXI LIU

I had a most memorable and rewarding exchange experience at the University of Pennsylvania. You wouldn't want to miss a single class when you study here. The students are amazingly good at asking intelligent and relevant questions. The assignments can be challenging and out of the ordinary, but they push you right to the limit, where you need to tackle problems hands-on. When exposed to this different learning environment, I found myself reflecting on my study habits and even restoring my curiosity. I wouldn't have had this chance to visit such a prestigious business school without the support from the QFRM programme, and I am so grateful.

### 2. AARON LIU

Joining an exchange programme was one of the best decisions of my life. During my semester at Wharton, I learnt a lot both academically and culturally. The courses there were very different from those at CUHK. Students complete multiple group case studies, weekly reading and individual projects in addition to quizzes and exams. The assessments usually don't count for more than 30% of your overall mark, which means that you have to work hard on everything to secure a good grade. I met some amazing people there. I learnt a lot from exchanging thoughts and experiences with the good friends I made.

### 3. KENNETH CHAN

During the 2019 Fall semester, I participated in a student exchange programme at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. I was less worried about my GPA so I decided to take advanced courses such as Stochastic Systems Analysis and Simulation, Fundamentals of Actuarial Science and Finance of Buyouts and Acquisitions. Students in the US were intelligent and proactive. I learned a lot from them. Besides studying, I passed my time with volunteer activities, mentorship programmes and parties where I made friends from all over the world.

### 4. BEN NG

My exchange study at the University of Pennsylvania was highly rewarding. I took courses in different disciplines and worked on projects with classmates from various backgrounds. Although we had fun, we also worked overnight together before the project presentations. The local students were very friendly and offered to show me around the city and campus. With my new friends, I explored exciting new activities such as mountain biking. Before the exchange, I never imagined I would have the opportunity to make friends and interact with people from different countries. My semester in Pennsylvania taught me many things about communicating with people of various cultural backgrounds, which was invaluable for my academic development and personal growth.

### 5. SAMSON YAU

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to study at one of the most prestigious business schools. The Wharton School emphasises business immersion and offers a strong curriculum in finance. My participation in a wide range of courses, case studies, and collaborative projects effectively deepened my learning in finance and guided me to another way of thinking that encourages intuition and interaction rather than spoon-feeding. Through interacting, networking, and collaborating with outspoken and intelligent students from around the world, I was offered valuable opportunities to embrace diversity and develop a global mindset, which have been crucial to both my professional and personal development.





# Student Exchange Experiences

University of California, Irvine

## DICKSON YIP

I am very glad that I was able to spend my second year at the University of California in Irvine: I had tons of chances to explore new things, and to experience new knowledge, new people and a new life! With a solid foundation from the CUHK, I was able to further my studies in mathematics, statistics and finance through advanced courses. However, studying abroad is more than just learning. I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to be a team member of a Student Managed Investment Fund, an association that manages real money for an institution. I learned a lot of practical skills in investment and wealth management through working in the team. I will never forget how I worked through the night with my teammates every week!



University of California, Davis

## HARRY SUEN

During my exchange at UC Davis, I experienced a different style of learning and enjoyed travelling in California. One thing that surprised me was the enthusiasm for learning among the students at UC Davis. I used to have the impression that students in the West were more laid back in their studies, but that is not what I observed during my exchange. The students were well prepared for class, made detailed notes and participated very actively in their classes and study groups.

I made use of my free time in the US to travel around, and went to several fascinating country parks such as the Grand Canyon and Yosemite. Although it took a long time to reach these attractions, the views there were so beautiful that it was well worth it.



University of California, Berkeley

## ZIHUI LI

In Spring 2024, I had the privilege of participating in an exchange programme at the University of California, Berkeley. This experience enriched my educational journey, offering invaluable insights into the practical applications of my field and fostering my personal development.



During my time at Berkeley, I took statistics courses at Haas, where I interacted with a diverse student body that broadened my perspectives and refined my analytical and interpersonal skills. Additionally, the proximity to Silicon Valley allowed me to connect with leading tech companies, which enhanced my understanding of practical applications and the innovative work environment of the tech hub.

All in all, I have been profoundly shaped by the academic challenges and cultural exchanges that I encountered during my semester at UC Berkeley.

University of California, Los Angeles

## RUSSELL HUANG

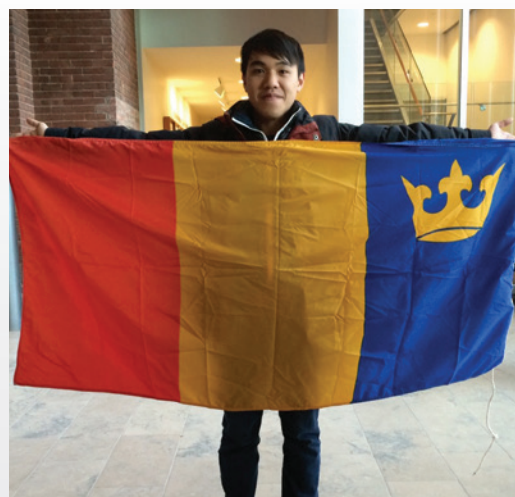
Exchange life at UCLA was a fascinating cross-cultural experience. California is the motherland of adventure, which set the tone for my stay. In my three months there, I made real academic advances in subjects such as mathematics, economics and astronomy. Apart from that, my footpaths crossed the stunning city skyline and beautiful national parks. Moreover, the friendships I found with peers from diverse backgrounds opened up precious dialogues that have changed my life. I am grateful for having had such an opportunity in my study programme.



## Queen's University

### WOODY WONG

The exchange experience at Queen's University was really fruitful. I widened my social circle and also broadened my horizons. I lived with four very nice local students. Their lifestyle and ways of socialising were different from ours. They loved to organise parties and have gatherings of friends at their house. On Saint Patrick's Day, I participated in the celebration by wearing green. To further immerse myself in their culture, I also went to see an ice hockey match, the most popular spectator sport in Canada. It was interesting to interact with Canadians, and to try and understand their ways of thinking and adopt their mind-set. I felt very different when I tried to do this.



## Brown University

### WEI-ZHIA KUA

Before I came to Brown in my sophomore year, I believed that everything about university was, and should be, career oriented. However, studying at Brown challenged that deep-rooted assumption of mine and offered me the opportunity to question my educational aspirations. There, I experienced a very different, student-led learning environment in which I was invited to take control of my own education and was motivated to engage in independent research and reading.

From stimulating class discussions to insightful conversations around the dinner table with friends, during office hours with professors and research symposia with the prominent academics, from hosting a student from Kansas to enjoying concerts and musicals or volunteering at events, I was constantly inspired by the people I met: students, scholars, professors, musicians and even artists.

My journey of self-exploration at Brown had its ups and downs, but I learnt to deal with my own vulnerabilities and to ask for help when needed. Studying at Brown has been one of the greatest, most life-changing experiences I have ever had! I feel privileged and grateful to have had the chance to study there and I strongly encourage every student to join an exchange programme to explore, learn and grow.

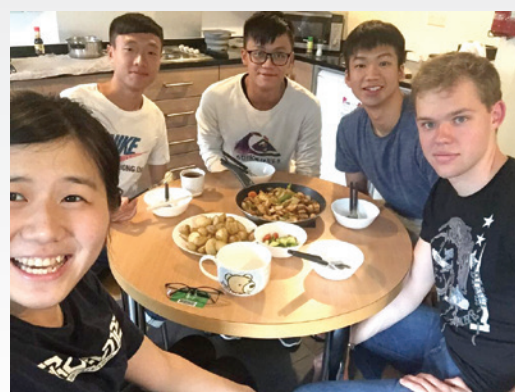


## University College Dublin

### PAUL LO

This exchange programme is definitely a far-reaching experience. I can still remember every single moment as if everything just happened yesterday. When I first came to the campus, I went to the residence straightaway. The most exciting part was that the residence was equipped with an open kitchen and a dining room shared by four exchange students. I met a German, an Australian and an Irish student. Not only did we share many experiences from our countries, but we also cooked our traditional dishes for each other. It was so fun!

To me, life at UCD was less stressful than life at CUHK. Although the classes were still competitive and the students were very eager to learn and succeed, they participated in a lot of student activities and sports as well. Everyone seemed to have a packed schedule. Travelling is always the best part of this exchange experience. I tried visiting several cities (e.g., London and Amsterdam), both on my own and with the people I met at UCD. Both experiences were awesome. What happened in these few months will forever stay in my mind.





# Student Exchange Experiences

## Sciences Po

### WAI NAM LEUNG

Studying as an exchange student at Sciences Po for one semester was a truly valuable experience for me. With nearly half of the students being international, Sciences Po provided me with the opportunity to communicate with people from all around the world and learn more about different cultures. I mainly studied International Relations courses at this world-famous political sciences institution, which has nurtured seven of the last eight French presidents. There were many discussions and interactions in class, and I benefited a lot from them. Studying in Europe meant that it was not difficult to travel around. During the exchange period, I stepped on the soil of more than 20 countries and saw many things that I have never seen in Hong Kong. It was a great experience, and I just wish I could have stayed longer.



## Vienna University of Economics and Business

### CHARLES HO

I attended my exchange programme at the Vienna University of Economics and Business in Austria from February to June in 2017, where I studied Strategic Management and Social Policy. Besides my study, I also travelled to other countries, many with very beautiful scenery. Many good and bad things happened during my exchange study, and I learned to be much more independent from other people, including my parents. I made so many new friends and experienced their lifestyles, which are quite different from mine. I enjoyed the wonderful moments in Vienna very much, and I found it a much more liveable city than Hong Kong.



## Stony Brook University

### DOMINIC LEUNG

I had an enjoyable semester at Stony Brook University. Located in Long Island, the eastern part of New York, Stony Brook is a peaceful place, in stark contrast to Hong Kong. I loved exploring New York. There was always something interesting to get involved with, from joining a boat-building contest at the university to riding a 50-year-old (but very exciting) roller coaster at Coney Island.

Stony Brook is a great place to study quantitative finance because of its affiliation with one of the best quantitative hedge funds, Renaissance Technologies. From close up, I got a better picture of how modern finance (or quantitative finance) develops. A study exchange is definitely worthwhile, to embrace a new culture, get rid of the stress and tension of Hong Kong life and to broaden your network with people from around the globe.



## Copenhagen Business School

### VINCENT LIU

An exchange programme is much more than just studying in a different school. These four months in Denmark changed my life completely. Living away from home and having to overcome obstacles all by myself, I became much more mature than before.

In Denmark you will never be stressed, because life in Denmark is all about being “hygge,” which means “cozy” in English. Unlike Hong Kong, you will never find people working at night. Instead, the Danes will just take their time and have fun with their families and friends. I am really glad to have had a chance to live in the happiest country on Earth.



## University of British Columbia

### 1. CODY FU

My exchange to the University of British Columbia was a very enjoyable and fruitful experience.

I took courses in a variety of fields, including finance, mathematics, statistics and programming. I found the teaching style there to be very different from that in Hong Kong; it is more interactive and involves more group work and case study analysis. The university offers a wide range of societies that organise many activities to provide students the opportunity to mix with local and international students.

The travel opportunities in and around Vancouver were a bonus to university life. The scenery of the Whistler ski resort is out of this world!



### 2. JADE GUO

My exchange to UBC was one of the most enjoyable and memorable times of my life. Compared to CUHK, the workload at UBC is lighter and the exams are much easier. I was able to complete 18 credits and still spend every weekend hiking, sightseeing (there are many sights to see in the area) or picnicking with new friends. As a southerner, it was the first time that I experienced an entire winter with snow and witnessed spring rise. My time at UBC not only gave me a better understanding of different cultures but it also taught me to be calm and to reflect on my experiences, which I believe is crucial for senior year students entering the real 'grown-up' world.



### 3. KELVIN LAM

I am fortunate to have participated in the exchange programme at the University of British Columbia, Canada. I took courses in finance, statistics and earth science. The classes were interactive, and I was motivated to participate in the class discussions. I met people with diverse cultural backgrounds, shared my culture and experiences with them, and learned from their values and lifestyles.

In my spare time, I explored different cities in the beautiful country of Canada. I enjoyed a live NBA game in Toronto and loved the views at Niagara Falls and Whistler. The locals were really nice and friendly. This programme helped broaden my horizons and understanding of different cultures, and the experience was truly unforgettable.



## University of Waterloo

### TIMOTHY NG

During the third year of my studies at CUHK, I was very fortunate to be given a chance to join the exchange programme of the University of Waterloo in Canada.

The lifestyle in Waterloo is completely different from Hong Kong. People sleep earlier, work fewer hours and never rush. Spending four months here was very relaxing because of the spacious and tranquil environment. Sitting in a coffee shop, leaving all my problems behind and seeing the snow fluttering outside was one of the most enjoyable moments, which you could never experience in Hong Kong.

The exchange is not just an opportunity to study in a different country, but also to mingle with students of different nationalities, assimilate into different cultures and become more independent, as you are on your own in a brand new environment.

The four months of exchange brought me so many different experiences, and they will never be wiped from my memory. I hope you will enjoy yours as well!





# Student Exchange Experiences

## University of Toronto

### 1. DESMOND YAU

Under the QFRM programme, I have been very fortunate to have an exchange experience at the University of Toronto. Toronto is truly a beautiful and diverse city where you can meet a lot of people from all over the world. It is truly a good destination for exchange studies.

I enjoyed my stay in Toronto, both for studying and travelling. The University of Toronto is a very good school which provides an excellent academic environment and many interesting courses. I still remember the mock trading session in the finance lab for my fixed income class. In addition to studying, I had a great time exploring the city with some of my friends and visiting the beautiful city of Montreal. I truly recommend everyone to grab the chance and go on an exchange to explore new worlds during their four years of studies.



### 2. VICTOR KWOK

My exchange to the University of Toronto (U of T) was a truly memorable experience. U of T puts the onus on students to learn independently through discussion and creativity, so instead of 'lecturing', the professors guide students to discuss different topics and invite them to present their ideas. Moreover, everyone I met at U of T was really kind and helpful, which made me feel at home.

I enjoyed exploring Toronto and other cities in Canada. Toronto is a vibrant city that abounds with artistic atmosphere. In addition to myriad museums and galleries, the annual arts festival sees thousands of visitors swarm to exhibitions all around the city. A highlight for me was my visit to Yellowknife in northern Canada, where I witnessed the spectacular aurora borealis 'dancing' in the sky.



### 3. ANSON CHOW

During my time as an exchange student at the University of Toronto, I had the wonderful experience of taking courses in statistics and computer science that broadened my understanding of different topics such as the stochastic interest rate and the NP-hard problem. The courses were challenging, but I was able to keep up with help from my supportive professors and classmates.

In addition to my academic experience, I had the opportunity to travel to Banff, Montreal, and Quebec. These trips were eye-opening and allowed me to immerse myself in the unique cultures and histories of these cities. I explored the local landmarks, tasted new foods, and met people from diverse backgrounds who enriched my experience.



## The University of Sydney

### BRYAN WANG

Last year, I exchanged at the University of Sydney for five months. That was an unforgettable experience. During my exchange, without too much concern for my academic results, I took a lot of advanced and interesting finance courses and benefited a lot from it. Also, because my student hostel held a party every week, I made a lot of local friends at those parties, and we are still keeping in contact. Furthermore, Sydney is an international city, and only 40% of the people were actually born there. By just simply talking with people on the street, I have heard a lot of interesting stories. During the school vacation, I also travelled to New Zealand. I recommend everyone to go for an exchange, and Australia is definitely a good country for your consideration.



## King's College London

### WULA WAN

I went on an exchange to King's College London during the first semester of my third year of study. I took four mathematics courses, which enhanced my quantitative skills and prepared for me for advanced courses in the future. Although the classes were quite demanding, I managed to have some free time to travel. I went to different European countries with friends I met in London. My experiences were amazing. I definitely recommend anyone to go on exchange and explore different countries while a student.



## University of Cambridge

### HAN XU

The exchange experience in Cambridge is marvellous. With the hope of exploring new possibilities, I took three challenging courses, each of which has either changed my stubborn view towards a specific field that I have already learned, or led me into a fascinating field that I have never noticed before. For instance, Foreign Policy Analysis is my favourite. Frankly speaking, it is quite relaxing to take summer courses in Cambridge, where we do not have to worry too much about grades. It is such a cosy environment, letting us think and discuss freely and spark new ideas. One professor stated, "What I need you to do in my class is not agree with me. Disagree with me. Challenge me." Therefore, I took every class as a chance to challenge the lecturer even though I failed most of the time. But this is the process that inspired me to think and link different subjects like Game Theory, International Relations and Foreign Policy together. For the first time, I gained heightened interest in international affairs such as the Washington Consensus, the Beijing Consensus and the recent 'Grexit' affair. What makes me even more excited is that I am forming my own methodology to analyse what really happens under the surface.

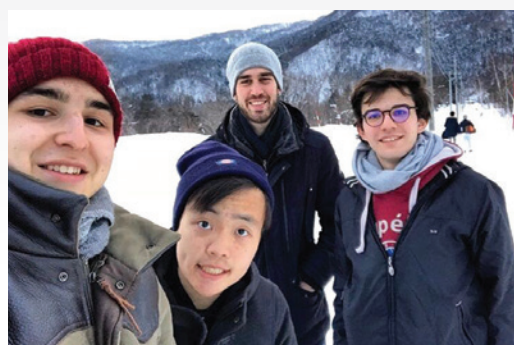
Cambridge is such a magical place, full of inspiration and physical beauty. I like life there, where I can take a lecture at the Botanic Garden with a professor who can barely contain himself with excitement about the obscure rituals of the bumblebee, where I can have my floor mate come round for a beer and barbecue and I can listen to the latest stories of his travels, debate with the grey-bearded professor over ancient Roman history and enjoy a cup of steamed milk with chocolate sprinkles on the top with my favourite friends.



## Keio University

### JOSHUA CHOW

Spending a whole year here in Keio University of Japan has been one of the most amazing experiences in my life. Keio University offers a wide variety of English courses for exchange students, which really help people like me who are not sufficiently proficient in Japanese to take the local students' courses. I have been living in a dormitory and getting along with my roommates. I have also met a lot of people from Japan and all around the world, and have hung out with them during weekends and holidays. Definitely give it a try if you are a true lover of Japanese culture!





# Student Exchange Experiences

HEC Paris

## 1. CAROL BAI

I had an unparalleled and enlightening exchange experience at HEC Paris. I delved into subjects such as finance and management and experienced a contrasting interactive teaching style. The cohort is remarkably skilled in presenting insightful and contextually apt inquiries. The projects are rigorous and distinct; they drive you to your peak potential and urge you to confront challenges directly. While immersed in the unique pedagogical setting of HEC Paris, I reassessed my academic strategies, and my zest for knowledge was reignited. Through engagement with my diverse peers, I embraced the cultural differences between Paris and Hong Kong, which enhanced my global perspective.

## 2. SUMMER SUN

My exchange to HEC Paris meant that I experienced not only four months of studying at one of the top business schools in the world but also an unforgettable journey that enriched my personal growth and caused me to feel proud. During the exchange, I took many courses on management, prepared presentations with people from all around the world, and learnt skills in cross-cultural communication and cooperation. I also travelled to 34 cities. In Greece, I enjoyed drinks and grilled meat with my friends while chatting and appreciating the scenery of the Parthenon Temple. I ventured to Iceland alone and learnt to plan everything well by myself. I even witnessed the aurora borealis and whales and stood at the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, where I captured numerous photos that will last a lifetime. Thanks for the exchange experience, which was one of the best times of my life. In fact, I'm already thinking about doing another exchange if possible!



Tsinghua University

## POEY WONG

The exchange at Tsinghua University has been an eye-opening and inspiring journey. Not only did I take a course on Finance and Statistics here, but I also attended other courses on Public Policy and International Studies. Through exchanging ideas with local peers, I have learnt tremendously about their perspectives and the local culture.

I also joined various societies, including the Student Association of International and Strategic Studies (SAISS) and Entrepreneur Team, and attended various seminars held by international organisations, such as the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). These valuable experiences have allowed me to explore more ideas about my career planning.



Monash University

## CHIN MING LAM

My exchange experience at Monash University was extremely fruitful. I attended advanced statistics and finance courses there to broaden my horizons. Apart from academics, I met many students from different backgrounds, and this diversity provided me with the opportunity to learn more about other cultures. When I had free time, I travelled with my friends to many other places, such as the Great Ocean Road and Phillip Island, to see Australia's amazing landscapes and vibrant wildlife, which is almost indescribable. Overall, I recommend undertaking an exchange opportunity, as it will surely be an unforgettable chapter in your life.



## University of Glasgow

### 1. DENNIS LI

During the second term of the 2023/24 academic year, I took part in an exchange programme at the University of Glasgow. This was an enriching experience that broadened my global perspective. One standout moment was delving into a Financial Statement Analysis module, where I teamed up with the local students to conduct equity research and valuation. The project not only enhanced my analytical abilities but also allowed me to meet new people and forge connections that transcended borders. Additionally, exploring Glasgow's vibrant culture and stunning landscapes added an extra layer of excitement to my academic journey, and I will always cherish my memories of this unique experience.



### 2. FRANKIE YEUNG

Last semester, I had the incredible opportunity to study at the historic and renowned University of Glasgow. The university offers abundant resources and facilities, and the people were exceptionally kind and welcoming. Immersing myself in Scotland's unique culture and environment was a highlight of the experience. I particularly enjoyed trying the traditional cuisine, including the iconic haggis, which is made from sheep organs. Scotland struck me as an enchanting blend of stunning natural landscapes and captivating historical landmarks. This exchange broadened my academic and cultural horizons, and it challenged me to adapt to different assessment and learning methods, which was a valuable lesson in flexibility and gave me a deeper understanding of my field of study.



## University of St. Gallen

### 1. SAM WONG

I was fortunate to participate in the CUHK Student Exchange Programme, studying abroad in St. Gallen, Switzerland. It was an unforgettable experience filled with personal growth and valuable lessons. Classes were designed to be interactive, providing students with opportunities to speak up and voice their opinions and allowing innovative ideas to flow freely. Alongside studying, I enjoyed the company of people from diverse backgrounds, went on trips around Europe, and had a lot of fun overall.



### 2. IVAN CHOW

My experience studying at the University of St. Gallen was rewarding. Switzerland is a place where everything is well organised yet expensive. During my studies there, I not only learnt financial and statistical knowledge in different courses but also acquired life skills, including cooking and managing my living costs. Overall, it was an unforgettable and rewarding journey.





# Student Exchange Experiences

## National University of Singapore

### 1. JASON ZOU

Hi, I am Jason, now a penultimate year major student in QFRM. I participated in an exchange study at the National University of Singapore (NUS) in the second semester of my third year. It was a great experience. The NUS is very beautiful, the people there are nice and the students work very hard, even harder than at CUHK. On the exchange, I did not need to worry about my GPA as I did in CUHK, so I took courses that I was interested in, like Japanese Study and Philosophy, which was great fun. There were orientation activities organised just for exchange students, so it was quite easy to meet students from all over the world and make friends with them. We often went out to have fun, travelled around the nearby countries and talked about different cultures. All in all, going on exchange is like taking a break from the busy study life of CUHK. It is a chance to embrace different cultures, and to experience life in another university in a different country.



### 2. ALEX SUN

In the second semester of 2020–2021, I joined the exchange programme in the NUS Business School. The experience has been extremely fruitful and valuable, especially given the COVID-19 pandemic situation. This programme provides interesting modules for non-graduating students. I highly appreciated the interactive teaching style in the Management and Entrepreneurship courses that I took. The case discussions were highly informative and helped me to become more proactive.

Moreover, the campus life was vibrant due to the pleasant environment and various types of facilities available on campus. For example, there were a series of activities organised in the residences and halls to allow students to explore the country. Diversity in Singapore makes it a friendly destination for all exchange students.



### 3. FELIX SHANGGUAN

My name is SHANGGUAN Yuqian, and I had the privilege of studying at the National University of Singapore (NUS) for one semester during the first term of my fourth year. My exchange experience at NUS was truly enriching and fulfilling. NUS has a remarkable campus, and I was fortunate to be offered an accommodation in a student residence within the University Town. As over 20% of its students are exchange participants, NUS is well equipped to support us academically and socially. While free from GPA pressure, I explored courses on subjects such as public speaking and political science. I also had the opportunity to travel to Malaysia and Thailand, which provided me with unforgettable experiences. My exchange at NUS broadened my knowledge and nurtured my personal growth, cultural understanding, and lifelong friendships. I am immensely grateful to have been part of the NUS community.



## Utrecht University, University College Utrecht

### WAI LI TENG

I believe everyone would agree that an exchange programme in Europe wouldn't be complete without travelling and enjoying the laid-back lifestyle. However, now, when I recall my five-month stay in Europe, I am totally surprised at how vividly the academic experience affected me. Having studied in a liberal arts college, it gave me the privilege of taking subjects that I have never imagined myself learning. The content wasn't the only specialty of a liberal arts college, but also how the lecturers stimulate students' interests and contributions in class pinpoints the true value of such college. Hence, I wholeheartedly encourage outgoing exchange students to embrace different learning and ethnic cultures during your exchange sessions. Have a fruitful experience!



## University of Michigan

### JONATHAN WONG

Attending the University of Michigan for an exchange programme was a truly enriching and rewarding experience for me.

The students at the University of Michigan exhibited a remarkable sense of community. They frequently organised social activities and gatherings, which provided me with opportunities to meet and mingle with new people.

The most memorable moment was the night when almost everyone in the university gathered to support their football team, the Michigan Wolverines, in the national championship. When the team won the title, the entire campus erupted in celebration, and the streets were filled with cheering and singing until midnight. It was an incredibly exciting and exhilarating experience.

I also cherished jogging around the beautiful snow-covered campus during my time there. The serene campus, combined with the excitement of the sporting events, made for an unforgettable exchange memory.



## University of Victoria

### MAX KWOK

I attended the BBA exchange programme at the Gustavson School of Business, University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada from September 2023 to December 2023. The University of Victoria has a lovely campus with an amazing and comfortable environment. I took four courses at the university: Introductory Psychology, Applied Regression Analysis, Elementary Logic and Marketing Management. Some of the courses I took were unrelated to my major, like psychology and philosophy. During my exchange study, I acquired knowledge not only from the textbooks but also from people. I learned how to communicate with others effectively using English, and this was even more valuable to me than the knowledge I gained from the lectures. Moreover, having a chance to explore the world was a benefit to me during the exchange, and I explored other cities in Canada, such as Calgary, Toronto, Montreal and Quebec. Even in the same country, people, views and culture are different in different cities.



## Università Commerciale L. Bocconi

### WINSON KWONG

During my exchange period at Università Commerciale L. Bocconi, I studied mainly statistics and finance courses, which are the university's strongest subjects. What stood out to me the most was the work ethic of the students there: during finals, there was a queue of 50–100 people at 8 am to get into the library to study. This completely changed my perspective of European students as being more laid back. Also, I especially enjoyed the culinary culture in Italy, where making fresh pizzas is a common weekend activity for locals, and I learned to cook authentic Italian pasta dishes. If you like good food and great hospitality, I would definitely recommend Italy as an exchange destination!





# INTERNSHIPS

The internship programme allows students to acquire on-the-job training with the participating companies. Internships provide valuable opportunities for students to gain exposure to the professional environment, outside the classroom. QFRM students on average complete 3 internships prior to graduation. Over 90% have done at least one internship in a finance-related institution. The internship possibilities can lead to excellent career opportunities. Previous and existing internship partners:

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| • AIA                              | • CFA Institute      | • Hang Seng Bank                  | • PWC                                 |
| • Bain & Company                   | • CASH Algo          | • HSBC                            | • Royal Bank of Scotland              |
| • Bank of America<br>Merrill Lynch | • Credit Suisse      | • HKEX                            | • State Street Global Markets         |
| • Bank of China                    | • Citibank           | • Hong Kong<br>Monetary Authority | • Standard Chartered Bank             |
| • Bank of East Asia                | • Commerzbank        | • J.P. Morgan                     | • UBS Securities                      |
| • Barclays Capital                 | • Ernst & Young      | • Jane Street                     | • Western Asset<br>Management Company |
| • BNP Paribas                      | • Eurex Frankfurt AG | • Morgan Stanley                  |                                       |
|                                    | • Goldman Sachs      |                                   |                                       |

## Student Internship Experiences



### KENNETH CHAN

#### BNP Paribas

I joined BNP Paribas as an intern in the Automated Market Making Team, which provides liquidity to the equity derivatives market. I worked with a number of traders and strategists on various quantitative research projects. The training in the QFRM programme on statistics, computer programming and logical thinking enabled me to handle a steep learning curve and add value to the team. I believe that all of the QFRM students are well equipped to excel both academically and in the workplace.



### RAYMOND CHAN

#### BNP Paribas

I spent a year working with the Stock Flow Option Trading Team at BNP Paribas, where I shared in a wide variety of tasks to support daily trading activities. For example, we had to monitor our positions and hedges according to market environments, check and remark parameters for option pricing to catch market sentiment and back-test trading strategies. The QFRM programme provided me with comprehensive training in a range of areas including finance, mathematics, statistics, risk management and computer science. These skills allow interns like myself to navigate the financial markets with strong problem-solving skills.



### TRACY LI

#### BNP Paribas

During my internship at BNP Paribas in the areas of asset finance and securitisation, I received robust on-the-job training that enhanced my financial modelling and IT skills. I constructed cash flow projection models, assessed risk through quantitative analysis, and innovated tools for process automation. My QFRM training laid a solid foundation that enabled me to understand vital concepts such as financial products, cashflow calculations, and basic simulation methods. I was able to apply this knowledge and synergise my business, finance, and coding skills during the internship. Looking back, I deeply appreciate the well-structured curriculum and strong network of the QFRM programme, which enabled me to seize this internship opportunity and equipped me with sufficient knowledge to succeed in this role. This internship experience has ranked among the most unforgettable moments of my university studies.

# Student Internship Experiences



## **SAMUEL CHIU**

**Goldman Sachs**

I joined Goldman Sachs as a controllers intern in the finance division. We work closely with the firm's businesses to ensure that our profitability is accurately measured and reported, whether the reports are for internal management or external investors. My training in QFRM prepared me to understand the basic business aspects of the firm's products and to make sense of the increasingly sophisticated measures applied to safeguard the firm and mitigate risks on our capital. My supervisors gave me the best advice I've ever received, namely to connect with lots of people and be prepared to ask the right questions.



## **AARON LIU**

**Goldman Sachs**

This fall, I joined the Global Markets Division of Goldman Sachs as an off-cycle intern under the EQ PIPG Sales Team, which mainly distributes equity structured products to private bank clients. During my days at the desk, I assisted in pricing derivative products with exotic payoffs, summarised hedging and booking instructions, and participated in various types of ad hoc projects. The dynamic environment allowed me to work with talented people in different teams and learn new things every day. Over the 5 months here, the QFRM programme has enhanced my technical knowledge required to understand complex products and has equipped me with data analysis skills to analyse trade/quote data for revenue-generating insights and with the ability to learn fast under pressure.



## **BENNY YE**

**Goldman Sachs**

This summer, I joined the Asset Management Division of Goldman Sachs as a summer intern as a member of the Global Client Business Team, which mainly distributes short-duration and money market products to institutional clients. During my workdays, I assisted in drafting portfolio review slides, market landscape research, and macroeconomic summaries. In this dynamic environment, I was able to work with talented people in different teams and learn new things every day. During my summer as an intern, I found that the QFRM programme has enhanced my level of technical knowledge required to understand the financial products and equipped me with the data analysis skills needed to analyse fund flow data to provide industry insights and the ability to learn quickly under pressure.



## **ALAN LIU**

**J.P. Morgan**

It was a wise decision to take the QFRM programme.

With full support from the programme, I joined the Mergers & Acquisitions team at J.P. Morgan as a semester intern. During the 15-week period, I worked on in-depth company and industry research, financial analyses and models and client pitches. I really enjoyed the huge responsibility when developing meaningful solutions for clients or executing significant transactions.

In QFRM, you will have support from both the Science Faculty and Business Faculty, you will meet groups of competent and passionate classmates, and you will get all-round financial and risk management training.



## **CHARLES TSUI**

**J.P. Morgan and Jane Street**

Being a trader has always seemed like a desirable job to many people, including me. I am grateful for having had a chance to work at JPMorgan as a Global Markets Intern doing equities facilitation trading, which aims to provide liquidity for hedge fund clients to trade in bigger lots. I also had the chance to intern for Jane Street as its Quantitative Trading Intern and to seek trading opportunities through mathematical models. The experiences I gained from these two internships were quite different, but having a solid foundation in finance and statistics knowledge helped me a lot to nail these opportunities. QFRM was exactly the programme to equip me with the relevant skill sets I need and direct me into the industry.



# Student Internship Experiences



**SAM NG**  
**UBS**

Studying the QFRM programme at CUHK has been the most rewarding and fruitful journey of my life. There are so many opportunities in this programme, which can pave the best way for personal and career development. I didn't take economics or accounting electives in high school, but here you study, work and compete with the most talented students, and that motivates you to grow. I was glad to join UBS as their operations intern during my penultimate year because I met many great mentors there and explored how investment banking works. With support from both the business and science schools, I will go on to work as a graduate trader for the China International Capital Corporation.



**HAN XU**  
**Bank of America Merrill Lynch**

Looking back now, choosing QFRM was a wise decision. This programme offers the unique advantage of bringing qualitative and quantitative knowledge together and lends us full support for career development.

I worked as a gap-year intern with the China Economics Team at Bank of America Merrill Lynch in 2016-17. My duties were to assist in day-to-day research, including but not limited to model development, data comments, policy comments, etc. It was truly an insightful experience that not only showed me what a day was like as a sell-side researcher, but also empowered me with practical knowledge that was not taught in depth in class.



**RAY LI**  
**Citi Global Markets**

The 10-week internship in Citi Global Markets was an extremely fruitful experience for me. With the two rotations at different desks (Electronic Execution and the Delta One trading desk), I not only gained diverse knowledge regarding different asset classes and market situations, but also developed relationships with other interns, colleagues and mentors that are important for my future career. The QFRM programme helped me to build up a solid foundation in statistics, mathematics and business that allowed me to successfully handle the price impact modelling project during my first rotation. In addition, the programme's strong alumni network helped me to expand my contacts at Citi in a much more efficient way.



**QIANHUA ZHANG**  
**Silverhorn Investment Advisors Limited**

My internship experience at Silverhorn was interesting and inspiring. I worked in the front office and learned various aspects of research and investing. I am very thankful to my supervisor and co-workers, who not only gave us the flexibility to work and relax but also provided valuable guidance and advice.

In a small company with a flat structure, I had the opportunity to interact with senior members and gain valuable insights and advice. My colleagues were passionate and friendly, and the work environment was conducive and flexible. Overall, I am very satisfied with this experience and very glad to have made contributions to the team.

I will be joining BlackRock as an analyst in the Risk and Quantitative Analysis team. Blackrock is not only one of the largest asset management firms, with popular investment products, but also renowned for its rigorous risk management and strong risk culture. Hence, I am looking forward to learning more about risk management from the best and developing my understanding of the area. I am certain that the training and experience will help me excel in business areas related to research and investing.



## HEMAN LEUNG

### Ernst & Yong and Hong Kong Monetary Authority

It is gratifying to be a member of the QFRM family and to participate in this fast-moving, competitive industry.

The previous summer, I worked with Ernst & Young Risk Advisory. Although I felt very nervous before starting this first internship, my supervisor, Wilson, was very friendly and provided a lot of support. As a fellow graduate of QFRM, he gave me a great deal of advice regarding my future development. Therefore, although the statistical work involved was new to me, I was able to quickly learn the skills involved and build on the solid training I had received before.

This summer, I am working with HKMA Economic Research. Coincidentally, my supervisor, Simon, is a graduate of RM. With his guidance, I am exploring the challenging world of econometrics, which requires strong economic sense and quantitative skills. This will be a highly useful experience for me in the future.



## KEN YUEN

### Morgan Stanley

QFRM has been hugely rewarding and resourceful for my academic, career and professional development through its solid training and support, which were well positioned to help me secure a semester internship at Morgan Stanley.

I was an off-cycle semester intern at both the Corporate Derivative Trading Desk and the Exotic Derivative Trading Desk within the Institutional Equities Division of Morgan Stanley. Every day was dynamic and full of challenges due to the dynamic market and highly sophisticated aspects of each trading desk. Thanks to the quantitative and financial training of the QFRM programme, I was able to handle the steep learning curve and understand the complex derivative structures, pricing models and risk profiles of each of the structures.



## SAMSON YAU

### Morgan Stanley

The six months at Morgan Stanley were invaluable. I rotated in two very different desks – Listed Derivatives Sales Trading and Prime Brokerage Sales – where I was fortunate to learn not only about these roles but also about how the Institutional Equity Division coordinates as a whole. The first desk offered practical exposure in block crossing and client engagement over macro futures, and the latter allowed me to delve into the full suite of services offered to hedge fund clients. I am genuinely grateful for the strong curriculum at QFRM, which prepared me with both the industry and product knowledge to quickly adapt to desk work and become an effective contributor.



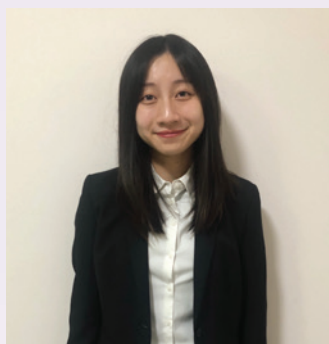
## STEPHANY TAI

### ING Bank N.V., Hong Kong Branch

The QFRM programme plays a crucial role in equipping students with the fundamental concepts needed to work in banking and finance and thus has helped to kick-start my career in investment banking. During my 6-month internship with the Corporate Finance team at ING Bank, I actively supported the team in various M&A marketing pitches and live deal executions. My responsibilities included preparing pitch books, reports, and transaction materials; conducting financial analysis and valuation; performing industry and market research; and assisting with due diligence processes. I had the opportunity to contribute to cross-border M&A deals in various sectors such as renewables, transport and logistics, and diversified industries, where I gained valuable exposure to the dynamics of investment banking. The learning curve was undeniably steep, and I am grateful for the support provided by senior employees who were always willing to teach me. Ultimately, this internship provided me with a valuable platform where I could apply the financial knowledge I acquired through my QFRM coursework to real-world situations.



# Student Internship Experiences



**NATALIE SO**  
**Ernst & Young**

I joined EY as an intern in the financial risk advisory department. I participated in a project related to interest rate risk in the banking book, which was tasked with helping a client develop statistical behavioural models using the SAS platform to estimate parameters such as the monthly prepayment rate and early withdrawal rate. I was assigned to handle a variety of tasks. For example, I assisted in model development learning on the SAS platform and VBA programming. I had the opportunity to pitch our models to our client, which improved my presentation skills. In short, I think the internship experience at EY was very good.



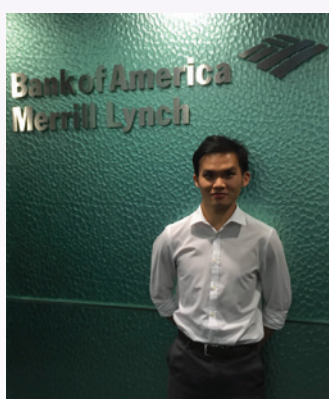
**ALEX TSAO**  
**PWC**

My internship at PwC gave me the chance to put into practice everything I had learnt from the QFRM syllabus. During the 4-month internship, I acquired even more knowledge, not only from the tasks I was assigned, but also from my manager and my colleagues. Consulting services start in the office with peers. Outside the company, it is called consulting, but within the walls of PwC, it is called communication and collaboration – the two most important components to working with others and the most precious skills I took away from this internship.



**RUBY HUI**  
**Hong Kong Monetary Authority**

QFRM is highly regarded in the banking and finance industry. The education and support that I received from QFRM helped me to secure a summer internship in the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) Banking Supervision Department. This internship offered me the opportunity to learn more about the supervisory policies of HKMA and the Basel Standards, a global regulatory framework for banks. I also researched stress-testing scenarios used by foreign regulators and IFRS9 (International Financial Reporting Standard 9) practices used in the industry. QFRM provided me with quantitative training that enabled me to understand complex credit risk modelling. This deeper understanding of the industry practices in risk management has surely helped to pave the way for my career in risk management.



**HINSON HO**  
**Commerzbank and Bank of America Merrill Lynch**

The days I have spent in the QFRM programme have been hugely rewarding. The breadth and depth of the curriculum have allowed me to develop a solid foundation and suitable skill sets needed for my future career.

I was previously employed by Commerzbank AG as an intern on the DCM Loans Team. My main responsibilities were to conduct market research in the APAC region and facilitate my team along the loan syndication process.

Moving on, I will spend my summer at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch with the Wholesale Credit Team. Thanks to the QFRM programme, I was able to apply my knowledge and understand the statistical methodology of credit assessment and the hedging strategies our bank provides to our corporate and FI clients.



**KINSON CHAN**  
**State Street Global Markets**

I spent most of my time learning about FX trading and Macro Strategy when I underwent my 6-month internship at State Street Global Markets, an internship that granted me exposure to the real world of business. This was a lot different than a summer internship in which hypothetical case studies are assigned; instead, I was actually assisting the traders in building monitoring tools to help them trade. The financial knowledge and the quantitative skills I gained from QFRM certainly equipped me to excel in these duties. I believe this is the edge that the QFRM student enjoys: you have the flexibility to get exposure to both sides, and this has proven to be extremely beneficial.



## **EDDIE NG**

### **Wellington Management**

I joined Wellington Management as a trading operations and coordination intern in the global trading team. I worked with equity traders on trade execution and with trade coordinators on trade matching and settlement. The QFRM programme equipped me with knowledge in various areas, including finance, mathematics, risk management and computer science, which provided a solid foundation for me to quickly understand financial markets and role functions during the internship. I met many great colleagues there, who provided constant guidance and feedback during my 9-month semester internship so that I was able to improve myself. Sharing and advice from my co-workers throughout the internship strengthened my enthusiasm for pursuing a career in this industry.



## **JASON CHIANG**

### **China International Capital Corporation (International) Limited**

In my first formal research internship at CICC, I was able to work on a variety of tasks, from macro monthly reports, earnings call transcripts and earnings reports to macro slides and large Indonesian reports. I am grateful to have been able to participate in these different tasks in a relatively short period and to understand the Southeast Asian market better. One of the great things about geographical research is that you can get experience with different industries. Although the team started with the consumer internet, I was able to be involved in the consumption, mining and industrial fields during the internship.



## **CLARENCE HSU**

### **Hong Kong Jockey Club**

My internship with the Hong Kong Jockey Club was one of the most rewarding experiences in my university career. I was able to apply skills that I developed during my first two years as a QFRM major, such as statistical analysis and programming, during my internship in the Treasury Money Markets department. I was assigned to help with tasks such as, but not limited to, liquidity and cash management projection, database maintenance, and automation. In this position, I was able to develop a better understanding of the roles and jobs in the investment industry whilst continuously developing technical skills such as proficiency with VBA, SQL, and Python. Being professional and communicative in the workplace were key to success in my internship, and I am glad and proud to say that I will apply all of the things that I have done and learnt in my future career.



## **VINCENT CHENG**

### **Eclipse Options (HK) Limited**

I recently completed an internship at Eclipse Options, a proprietary trading firm specialising in options market making. As a trading intern, I completed option theory lessons, mock trading sessions and research projects, which taught me how option theories are applied in actual trading. The QFRM programme provided me with essential foundational knowledge in various fields, such as statistics, finance and computer programming, and gave me the skills to quickly learn advanced concepts. Overall, this internship was a great experience that deepened my interest in trading and solidified my career aspirations in this industry.



# Student Internship Experiences



## GRACE SHI HSBC

As a co-op student trainee in unsecured lending risk at HSBC RBWM, I was tasked with designing an ad-hoc report template on SAS for a critical metrics analysis (payment ratio, delinquency rate, credit utilisation, etc.) of various Asia Pacific countries during the period of the Covid-19 pandemic. I was also tasked with consolidating on waterfall for proactive cross-selling, limit assignment strategy, and Covid mitigation measures and relief programmes.

My internship at HSBC gave me experience of using a wide array of updated methodology and application tools within a retail bank, including identification, measurement and mitigation of credit risk, especially for unsecured products (i.e. credit cards, personal instalment loans).



## ANGUS CHEUNG HSBC Insurance (Asia) Limited

During my rewarding tenure as an intern with the HSBC Life Investment team, I had an invaluable opportunity to apply and enhance the knowledge gained from my studies in QFRM. I used the programming skills that I acquired at CUHK to automate several repetitive tasks, thus boosting efficiency. QFRM has given me a theoretical foundation in the financial markets, which has allowed me to better understand the team's wide range of work, from managing tactical asset allocation and trading equity derivatives to FX hedging and market-to-market valuation. QFRM students have a unique edge because we possess both quantitative skills and a deep understanding of financial markets and instruments.



## JACK MOK HSBC Global Services (Hong Kong) Limited

During my 6-month internship in Global Risk Analytics at HSBC, I was involved in the development of a wholesale credit model. This project gave me hands-on experience in all aspects of building a statistical model for assessing corporate credit risk, including data preparation, model development, and model validation. To assist with model development and analyse data effectively, an intern should possess robust programming and quantitative skills. Thanks to the QFRM programme, I have received comprehensive training in statistics, risk management, and finance, which has prepared me with the technical expertise to pursue a career in the financial industry.



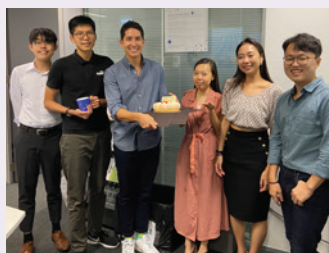
## WINSTON XUE HSBC Global Services (Hong Kong) Limited

My internship in the HSBC Wholesale Risk Analytics Team sparked my interest in risk control and banking positions. During my internship, I handled a full collateral valuation model building process, which included data collection, cleaning, analysis and enhancement. This drew on my statistics, programming and finance coursework. I gained insights into bank portfolio-level risk management, which cultivated my interest in data analysis roles. I also learned about teamwork and shared goals. The QFRM programme provided a strong foundation, enabling me to navigate the internship easily, consider the broader significance of my work and take on more meaningful tasks.



## ANSON CHOW BNP Paribas Asset Management Asia Ltd.

QFRM is a rewarding programme that has equipped me with a strong foundation in quantitative research and programming skills and provided me with practical knowledge regarding the financial market. The curriculum provides all-round training for a career in trading, quantitative research and other fields of the financial industry. The knowledge I gained during QFRM helped me to land an internship offer at BNP Paribas Asset Management. Working with other professional traders in the Product Strategy team allowed me to explore the markets from a trader's perspective, which will certainly support my career development.



## **MICHAEL WAN**

### **Eurex Frankfurt AG**

My six-month semester internship with Eurex Exchange was undeniably rewarding. As a Derivatives Sales Support and Business Intern, I used Bloomberg and MicroStrategy data to track the trading activities of Eurex's derivatives products. Additionally, I performed various market analysis and business research tasks.

The comprehensive QFRM programme provides students with sufficient training to be prepared for the internship. In the courses, I learned about futures, options and financial markets, which helped me accomplish challenging tasks. The programme helped sharpen my quantitative abilities and interpersonal and collaboration skills, thereby equipping me to develop a career in the business domain.



## **PETER XI**

### **CASH Algo**

Interning in CASH Algo would be a thrilling experience for anyone who is interested in algorithm trading. As an intern, I was responsible for researching and developing profitable trading algorithms, and I assisted in updating and maintaining the risk management system.

My duties challenged my knowledge of financial products and risk management, my abilities to conduct quantitative analysis and my information technology skills like computer programming. These are all things that would be learned and researched by a QFRM student.

Facing an era in which quantitative methods and technologies have become increasingly significant in finance and risk management, I believe that QFRM is not only a programme that teaches but also a torch that shows the way, leading to the future of this industry.



## **SHERINE YEOW**

### **Citi Private Bank**

The exposure provided to me by both the Faculties of Business and Science has been unique and invaluable. QFRM equipped me with solid analytical and interpersonal skills, both of which are equally important in the private banking industry. During my internship, the combination of courses in finance and risk management laid a good foundation for me to study the market movements and reactions that affect clients' portfolio performance. I believe that QFRM students receive a distinctive advantage in the workplace by gaining a well-rounded mindset.



## **SUE QIN**

### **Eurex Frankfurt AG**

During my 6-month internship in Eurex, I was responsible for writing daily market analyses and intelligence reports on equity and fixed income derivatives. As a sales intern, I also provided support for the Asia team by creating fact sheets and marketing materials for products targeting the sell-side and buy-side firms. My university life, together with this internship, was a highly interesting and meaningful journey that provided me with a glimpse of the financial market.

I am grateful to be in the QFRM family. The courses and training provided by the QFRM programme have equipped me with the technical knowledge and experience required to kick-start my career smoothly.



# Student Internship Experiences



## **SAM WONG** **Hong Kong Monetary Authority**

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My internship at the HKMA was definitely fruitful, as I had the chance to take part in a wide range of projects and gained valuable insights along the way. Each day presented new and diverse opportunities and experiences that challenged my knowledge and required me to navigate emerging aspects of the financial industry. This experience provided me with practical working knowledge in the field of finance. The perspectives and skills I acquired were not only valuable but also transferrable to the internship I had the following summer.



## **AMY YANG** **Western Asset, California, USA**

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This summer I worked as a summer intern in the risk management department of Western Asset Management Company in California. My responsibilities were to provide research and analysis to assess portfolio security and to determine trade allocation parameters. The coursework in QFRM provided a very solid foundation for me in this internship, including programming skills and a good understanding of the financial market. Without QFRM's powerful career service, I would never have gotten this internship in the first place. From this summer internship, I was able to figure out my interest in quantitative research and the next direction of my future path.



## **ALANA WONG** **HKEX**

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For me, spending time at the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) as a summer intern was a real eye-opener. The practical experience I gained, such as handling client communications, providing administrative support for the listing ceremonies and visiting the Qianhai Mercantile Exchange, gave me a good overview of many different roles in finance. I was able to apply my finance knowledge and skills towards my projects at HKEX, and thus gained a much better understanding of market operations. I was also able to gain valuable insights into financial markets through attending seminars and presentations conducted by the management committee of the company. This internship was a great experience, giving me exposure across vertical markets, and the opportunity has strengthened my enthusiasm for pursuing a finance career.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

QFRM students are also actively engaged in student activities, voluntary services and international competitions to broaden their horizons.



### HINZ SHUM

#### *National Best Team, International Quant Championship*

We fondly remember the days we worked arduously around the clock on delicately designed alphas, which are models that use historical data to predict the future price movements of financial instruments. The International Quant Championship was a very rewarding experience for us. In reflecting on the process, we find ourselves deeply grateful for the QFRM programme at CUHK. By dint of the ample financial, mathematical and programming knowledge that we acquired in class, we triumphed over more than 10,000 teams from all over the world and won the National Best Award in our presentation in Beijing during the national final stage. Apart from what we achieved, we really enjoyed the moments when we were working hard together in the CUHK library, trying to apply the many brilliant ideas we had learned in class, ranging from different financial theories to mathematical equations. That breadth and depth of instruction is what we have found unique in the QFRM programme.



### HENRY LIN

#### *Champion, Greater China, International Quant Championship*

The International Quant Championship is a quantitative trading competition that stimulates the participants' skills in identifying trading signals. This competition attracts PhD, Master's and Undergraduate candidates from prestigious universities all over the world. The participants are asked to identify the best weights of stock allocation, based on various kinds of data including company fundamentals, price movements or industry sentiments. Various statistical techniques including regression analysis and time series analysis are applied, in conjunction with overall knowledge in finance, mathematics and computer science.

I joined a team with three other CUHK students, whose fields of study were statistics, mathematics and computer science. With the joint effort of all three team members, we successfully advanced to the regional final and won the championship.



### GISELLE YU

#### *1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up, Peak Time Case Competition 2017*

Together with Colin, Wilkins and Joyce, I participated in Peak Time 2017, an annual international business case competition held by the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Latvia. After competing in the preliminary rounds, the 20 top teams from 18 different countries were invited to join the final events in Riga. Our first task was to maximise the share price of a phone manufacturing company in a business simulation game. Then, we were asked to solve a business case in 4 hours. This case competition is an excellent platform for business students to apply book knowledge to a real scenario. We were also able to polish our team collaboration skills and presentation techniques.

Peak Time is more than just a competition; it is also a golden chance for participants to know more about Latvia and other countries. In the Riga sightseeing tour and cultural evening gathering, we learned about Latvian history and other countries' cultures by chatting with other finalists and tasting their traditional snacks.



### LOUIS HU

#### *Finalist, McGill International Portfolio Challenge 2019*

I participated in the global final stage of the McGill International Portfolio Challenge as a member of a four-person team. We acted as a pension fund investment committee. Our task involved allocating assets into different asset classes across primary and secondary markets from a top-down perspective. The experience gave me a new perspective on our investment framework, a holistic view of fund operations and a comprehensive understanding of joining risk adjusted return with social responsibility.

QFRM is a great talent platform where I was able to bond with each of my amazing team members. I am also thankful for the classes that the QFRM programme offered. I was in a class on the theoretical preparation of asset allocation techniques where I learned how to quantitatively triangulate and optimise risk-adjusted return. My knowledge of this process solidified my team's strategy.





## CATHERINE HUANG

### *Finalist, National Investment Banking Competition*

Participating in the National Investment Banking Competition (NIBC) has been an exciting and rewarding experience that has motivated me to explore the corporate finance field and consider a career in investment banking. The NIBC is an annual international business case competition with undergraduate and postgraduate competitors from more than 100 universities around the world and professionals from investment banks, private equity, and assets management firms.

The 2018 competition in Vancouver was demanding – we worked all day to build valuation models and prepare and practise our presentations within eight hours – but it was a fantastic opportunity to develop and showcase our skills in financial analysis, modelling and pitching, which are essential for careers in investment banking.

The NIBC is also about expanding professional spheres. As one of the finalist teams, we were invited to join networking events where we got to know professionals in the investment banking, private equity and assets management industry, drinking, chatting and joking together.



## PETER XI & KINSON CHAN

### *Best Consistency Award, CASH Algo Trading Contest*

Participating in the CASH Algo Trading Contest has been a unique experience that cannot be obtained elsewhere. In the contest, our team strived to compose a trading strategy algorithm using Python in pursuit of both high returns and good consistency. The competition is a remarkable opportunity to apply knowledge of quantitative finance and risk management in the investment world, and furthermore, it has also been a chance to sharpen our programming skills. All of our team members enjoyed the contest, and winning the Best Consistency Award definitely better prepares us to be future quants.



## CHLOE LEUNG & JUSTIN CHEUNG

### *1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up, CFA Institute Research Challenge 2020-21*

It is our honour to be the first runner-up of the Hong Kong Local Final in the CFA Institute Research Challenge. In this equity research competition, we had to apply knowledge of various concepts, including the Discounted Cash Flow model, time series forecasting and financial analysis, that we learnt in the University to analyse the performance and intrinsic value of a company. This competition has not only equipped us with technical and industrial understanding but also strengthened our presentation skills and team spirit. This competition is a valuable opportunity for students to put theories into practice. We highly recommend students to participate in this competition.



## VINCENT CHENG

### *1<sup>st</sup> place in Best Return, Best Sharpe and Best Strategy Design, Joint-University Algo FX Trading Challenge 2021 (Global)*

It is an honour to be awarded first place in all three categories of the competition. In this challenge, we coded an algorithmic forex trading strategy to perform trading simulations over both historical and live market data. Initially, it was challenging to develop trading strategies owing to the high efficiency of the forex market. After several failed attempts, we realised that there was a slight statistical edge in using certain global economic factors. Based on this concept, we created trading signals based on various macroeconomic data series. This challenge was a wonderful opportunity to practically implement our theoretical knowledge in domains such as finance, statistics, programming and risk management and hone our deck design and presentation skills.

# Career Planning and Development

The QFRM programme offers individual and group career coaching, training and advice. A number of career training workshops covering all aspects of the job-hunting process will be held in the first semester and early in the second semester. These equip students with a complete set of skills, from the identification of leads to CV writing, interview skills and job-hunting strategies and techniques. There will also be practical coaching and drilling, such as mock interviews, sharing sessions with alumni, mentorship and buddy programmes, etc.

Students are strongly encouraged to take part in these career activities early on in their studies, to gain a clear picture and a good understanding of the expectations and challenges of finding a job or an internship.

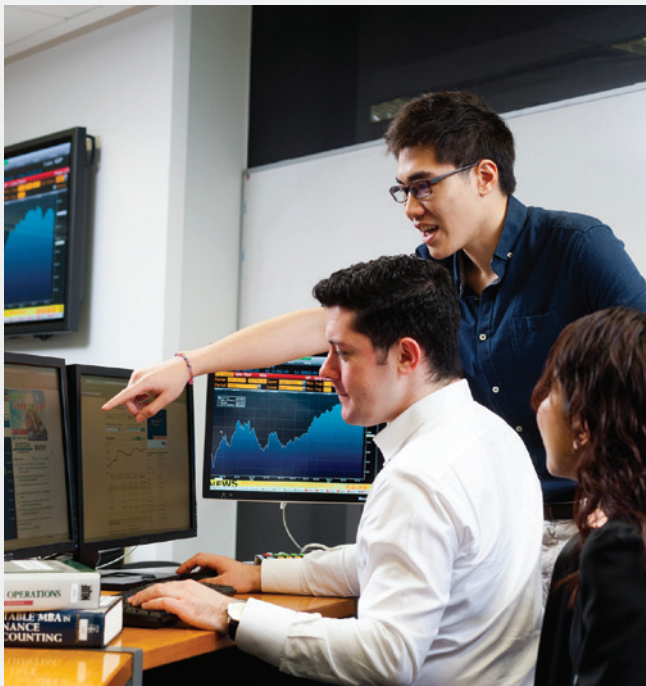
*Training on Bloomberg Terminals*

*Visit to firms and organizations*



*Student Internship Sharing*

## Finance Trading Laboratory



QFRM students have access to high-end workstations at the computer laboratories of the Department of Finance and the Department of Statistics. The Finance Trading Laboratory, with 53 desks, is among the best of its kind on a university campus. The Laboratory is equipped with Bloomberg and Thomson Reuters terminals and is supported by unparalleled real time data feeds from major exchanges around the world including the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKEX) and Eurex, one of the world's leading derivatives exchanges.

## CFA Institute® University Affiliation Program



The QFRM Program at CUHK Business School is affiliated with the CFA Institute® University Affiliation Program. This affiliation certifies that our curriculum is well-suited to prepare students for CFA examinations and eventual employment in the finance and investment industry.

Our program covers 70 percent of Level I topics under the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge and CFA Institute ethical and professional standards. As a QFRM student, you are entitled to CFA Institute curricula, exclusive online Level I sample examinations, journals, webcasts and other educational resources. You are also eligible to apply for Level I CFA examination scholarships.



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## Further Studies



### **MICHAEL CHAU** *Ph.D in Mathematical Finance, Imperial College London*

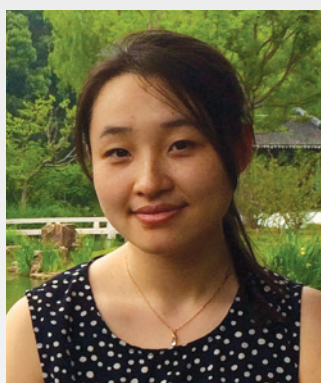
The QFRM programme has equipped me with solid theoretical knowledge of the quantitative methods and statistical tools used in finance. The experience gained during my half-year of exchange study at Uppsala University, Sweden, is valuable in my future studies, while my summer internship at the Royal Bank of Scotland enhanced my understanding of market risk management from the practitioner's point of view. After completing my undergraduate degree, I chose to pursue a Master's degree in risk management science at CUHK. The guidance and training offered by the Department of Statistics has enabled me to produce two original research papers for consideration in top-tier academic journals in the field of stochastic control and optimisation with application to operations research and finance. With this solid background in mathematical finance, I completed a joint PhD at Imperial College London in 2017. I am now working in Quantitative Strategies in Credit Suisse London, supporting structured credit desk. My duties include developing valuation model for product pricing and risk calculating using PDE and Monte Carlo methods.



### **BRIAN LING**

### *Ph.D in Statistics, Columbia University*

The QFRM programme has a well-structured curriculum, which has equipped me with solid, practical knowledge of statistical methodologies and quantitative tools that are vital for my further studies. The valuable exchange study in the University of Toronto, Canada also broadened my horizons and gave me the experience of studying in a foreign country. As an undergraduate, I was also given the opportunity to be a research assistant under the supervision of Professor Wong Hoi Ying, and was a summer intern in the financial services risk management department at Ernst & Young. I therefore experienced both the academic research life and the business of risk management from the practitioner's point of view. After graduating, I chose to pursue a Master of Philosophy degree in Risk Management Science at CUHK. The guidance and rigorous training I was given while studying for my Master's helped me produce two original research papers in the field of statistics, which I submitted for consideration to top-tier academic journals. I am currently studying for my PhD in Statistics at Columbia University.



### **ASHLEY SHEN** *Ph.D in Finance, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania*

My name is Lin (Ashley) Shen. I spent four treasured years at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and received my BSc in Quantitative Finance and Risk Management Science (QFRM) in 2013. Currently, I am working on my PhD in Finance at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. The QFRM programme in CUHK provides students with training and resources in both the Business School and the Faculty of Science, which gives us great advantages when applying for jobs and graduate schools. In my case, I participated in the exchange programme with the Wharton School and took two finance PhD courses in the CUHK Business School. These experiences and all of the quantitative training that I received at the Faculty of Science have turned out to be very helpful to my PhD coursework and research.



### **LESTER CHAN**

### *Ph.D in Economics, Boston University*

The QFRM programme offered me comprehensive academic training and equipped me with solid theoretical knowledge and practical quantitative tools, which are essential to my future studies. The valuable exchange experience at the University of Toronto also broadened my horizons and prepared me to further my studies overseas. As an undergraduate, I was a summer intern in the consumer credit risk management (secured) department at the China Construction Bank (Asia), where I learned more about risk management through actual practical experience. After graduating, I embarked on a Master of Philosophy degree in Economics at CUHK. The knowledge I acquired from the QFRM programme turned out to be very useful in the study of economics, and particularly important in research studies. I am currently pursuing a PhD in Economics at Boston University.

## Further Studies

### LOUIS HU

#### *MSc in Accounting and Fundamental Analysis, Columbia Business School*

Quite different from QFRM, I am pursuing a Master of Science in Accounting and Fundamental Analysis. My experience at Columbia Business School, where value investing first originated, has exceeded my expectations as it puts me in an equal position to an MBA student or a PhD student in terms of course registration. My master's programme combines ~60% MBA courses and ~40% PhD courses, all of which are taught by hedge fund CIOs, portfolio managers, senior analysts and academics and are highly practical in orientation, something I have seldom experienced before.

During my QFRM tenure, I gained execution capabilities and honed my critical thinking skills. I would describe the programme as tough love, in terms of teaching, grading and logistics. I was often challenged, which helped me discover my true potential. I was fortunate to be exposed to a social atmosphere in which being challenged is the norm, so that when I met similar problems after college, I had the will and dedication to progress. I emerged from the programme more efficient and disciplined.

I especially enjoyed my lessons in Investment and Portfolio Management (Professor Darwin Choi), Financial Markets (Professor Wenxi Jiang) and Fixed Income Security Analysis (Professor Yizhou Xiao). Professor Jiang introduced us to information asymmetry and lemon markets, which inspired me to optimise solutions instead of following the crowd. The "coin flipping" email-based mental game that Professor Choi introduced helped me understand the skill/luck spectrum. Professor Xiao introduced us to different types of debt, which piqued my interest in special situations and products. All three courses were inspiring and pushed me to further study markets across capital structures.

### XIE YU

#### *Master of Finance, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)*

After graduating from the CUHK QFRM programme, I pursued a Master of Finance at MIT. The interdisciplinary nature of the QFRM programme allows one to delve into various fields such as statistics, finance and computer science. I had the opportunity to identify the domains that I was interested in and focus on them. The excellent peer group, professors and staff helped create a dynamic learning atmosphere and provided a long-lasting momentum for me to continuously learn and improve myself. This programme helped carve the path for my further studies, and for this, I am truly grateful.

### MARTIN LAM

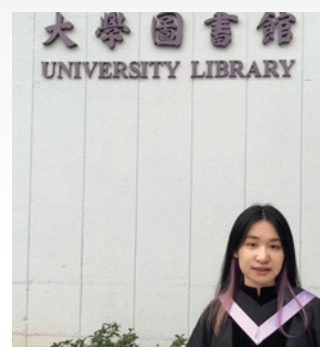
#### *MSc in Financial Statistics, London School of Economics*

Being an interdisciplinary programme, QFRM has a comprehensive and balanced curriculum that helped me gain knowledge in a variety of fields such as finance, risk management, mathematics and data science. These courses laid a solid foundation for my master's studies, and the knowledge was applicable in many of my career-related and extracurricular experiences, not limited to the finance field. Majoring in QFRM allowed me to access resources from both the Department of Statistics and Department of Finance. Staff members from both departments were helpful and professional in responding to students' needs. With their support, I could explore my interests and make appropriate career choices in my undergraduate years.

### EMILY QIAO

#### *MSc in Risk and Finance, London School of Economics*

The academic training that I received from both business and science faculty during my studies in the QFRM programme has equipped me with a solid foundation in financial theories and quantitative risk methods, paving the way for my further studies in risk and finance at LSE. The QFRM programme also provides various resources for student participation, such as case competitions, exchanges, and internships. By taking these opportunities, I was able to try different career options and gradually discovered my interest. QFRM is special because students can learn about different areas and choose from among various career paths, and the professors and staff are very helpful and supportive.





# Alumni Sharing

## Career Prospects

### FELIX CHAN

*Microsoft*

QFRM provides the best environment for students to grow because you can learn from both Business and Statistics perspectives. I had several internships in commercial and public sectors, thanks to the training and guidance I got from the departments. Besides academic and working experiences, studying abroad will definitely help prepare you for future challenges. I went to the University of St. Gallen for exchange and went backpacking in several European cities. However, I was not satisfied with doing the same thing after my graduation. I tried to be different and all these track records paved the way for my work at Microsoft, a global software company.



### FUK SHING CHEUNG

*BlackRock*

My three-month summer internship experience in one of the largest asset management companies, BlackRock, was extremely enriching and provided me with practical experience in the financial markets. Working with other experienced traders in the iShares Capital Markets team, I was responsible for monitoring flows of ETF and presenting them to the management board. I also wrote pitching reports explaining investment opportunities to clients, and illustrating trading strategies. The internship helped me understand more about passive investment, and gave me further insight that will assist my career development in asset management business.

The QFRM programme provided me with good, solid knowledge in both finance and statistics, and gave me many opportunities to experience things like case competitions and exchanges to enhance my soft skills. I am proud to be a QFRM student.



### BEN NG

*Jane Street*

A year ago, I graduated from the QFRM programme and commenced my career as a quantitative trader at Jane Street. Every day, I face new and exciting challenges while solving puzzles in the global financial markets, for which I am well equipped thanks to the QFRM programme, which polished both my essential skills in finance and knowledge in mathematical methods. My exchange study at the Wharton School of Business provided me with a finance education at one of the most renowned institutions and an unforgettable cultural experience. Apart from the knowledge gained, the supportive lifelong friends I met at CUHK are the pearls I treasure the most from the QFRM programme.



### CHARLES HO

*Société Générale*

I graduated from QFRM in 2019. Since then, I have been working at Société Générale as a Market Risk trainee. During my university life, I went to Vienna for the university exchange programme, which was a wonderful and unique experience. I also worked at HKEX and Schrodgers as an intern, which equipped me with the essential skills for my workplace. I would like to extend my gratitude for the support I received from the QFRM programme for my job searching and study. The staff members were kind, helpful and professional.



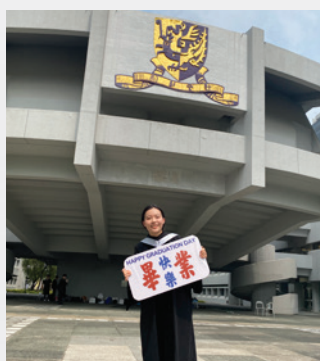
### RUBY HUI

*Ernst & Young*

My 4 years studying in the QFRM programme left a lasting impression. The coursework was demanding and challenging, but it equipped me with the necessary finance, statistics and risk management knowledge, and all-important programming skills. The curriculum prepared me well to pass the Financial Risk Manager (FRM) examination, a leading worldwide certification for risk management. During the course, I completed internships at a securities firm, HKMA and Ernst & Young. I also went on a semester exchange to Singapore. These experiences enriched my university life. After graduating, I secured a job in credit risk management advice at Ernst & Young. My current duties include coding for interest rate risk impact calculations and writing key deliverables for clients. What I learnt in the QFRM has helped me excel in my job.



## Career Prospects



### KENNETH CHAN

HSBC

I like the QFRM programme because not only has it provided me with solid training in quantitative skills and financial product knowledge but it also has equipped me with problem-solving skills and commercial acumen through up-to-date and interactive courses, as well as sharing sessions with professors and alumni who work in prestigious firms in the industry. Leveraging my learning from the programme, I have had the good fortune to intern at HSBC for a summer. This experience has been invaluable to my early career development in the sense that it has given me a glimpse of the practice and pace of working in different functions and asset classes so that I will have a better idea of what to pursue in the future.

### ALANA WONG

HSBC

QFRM is a unique programme that allowed me to acquire both financial and technical knowledge of topics such as finance, statistics, risk management and computing applications. The financial and technical areas of study are complementary. Quantitative finance provided me with theoretical knowledge of finance, whereas risk management science was more technical and helped me learn how to use programming tools to automate and streamline the simulation processes in the finance domain.

As an analyst at HSBC Asset Management, I apply the solid quantitative and qualitative knowledge that I acquired during the QFRM programme, for instance, to compose investment pieces on market outlook and prepare pitch decks on investment products. I will always cherish being part of the QFRM family.

### SUE QIN

UBS

I joined UBS as a graduate trainee in ETD clearing sales. It's a pleasure to be part of the QFRM family! The programme emphasises real-world applications and practical experience. I am grateful to have an internship in Eurex with support from the department, which has given me a unique advantage in the job market. The programme also offers opportunities for networking and professional development, which have allowed me to connect with industry professionals and learn from their expertise.

Overall, I would like to express my gratitude to the CUHK QFRM programme. The skills and knowledge that I gained through this programme have been invaluable, and I am confident that I will continue to benefit from my experience at CUHK for years to come.

### GEORGE WU

UBS Securities

The QFRM programme provided me with a foundation for pursuing a career in options trading. I joined BNP for a gap year trainee position, where I applied the knowledge that I had gained from the programme to understand the industrial standards of volatility modelling and vol marking. Later, I joined UBS as a sales trading high touch summer intern, where I engaged in coding tasks and providing market colour. I will soon be joining UBS as a junior trader. I am grateful for the programme, as it provided me with invaluable opportunities to prepare for my career in the finance industry.

### RAY LI

Citigroup

My undergraduate QFRM studies were challenging yet inspirational and extremely fruitful, largely thanks to the supportive faculty and well-structured curriculum design.

The finance and statistics courses equipped me with the essential knowledge needed to find internships and graduate jobs, and the wide-reaching alumni network of the programme and the wider business school enabled me to start making contacts in the field even before I joined the industry and kept me up to date with the fast-changing financial world. Moreover, with the support of CUHK, my exchange to the United Kingdom was an eye-opening experience for me.



# Alumni Sharing

## Career Prospects

### JONATHAN KWOK

*J.P. Morgan*

QFRM is the best programme for building practical knowledge combined with solid quantitative skills. Along with strong career support and cross-faculty benefits, I have made a number of long-lasting friends who are all quite intelligent and supportive. Three of us, including me, joined J.P. Morgan as summer interns in its Risk Management division. By applying our classroom knowledge to reality, all of us have grown significantly, and I was lucky enough to secure a full-time position. Beyond my studies, I went on two exchanges: UC Berkeley in California and Sciences Po in France. By seizing these chances, I've left my footprints in over 20 countries. Isn't it amazing?



### BOSCO LAM

*Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited*

The QFRM programme is an all-round curriculum that provided all of the necessary skills and opportunities for me to explore the financial industry. I received rigorous financial and mathematical training through lectures and projects during my 4-year study. Meanwhile, I participated in various trading competitions, case competitions and internships, which allowed me to put my programming skills and the financial theories I learnt to use. Working at HKEX is highly dynamic, especially with its growing business opportunities and its mission to shape market development. It is a place where you meet professionals from all over the world and work on the cutting edge of the financial market.



### POEY WONG

*Boston Consulting Group*

The QFRM programme's unique blend of business and statistics perspectives provides an ideal place for personal and professional growth. In addition to my studies, I completed internships in different fields and won a few global and local case competitions involving simulated consulting scenarios. The guidance and support from the faculty enabled me to secure several internships in the finance, commercial, and non-profit sectors, which have enriched my practical knowledge and soft skillset.

The exchange programme at the University of Cambridge provided me with a transformative experience by exposing me to world-class academics and fostering a deep appreciation for rigorous research and intellectual curiosity. Engaging with the distinguished professors and collaborating with my exceptional peers deepened my interest in multiculturalism and directed me towards the consulting industry.



### KAREN LAM

*Bank of America Merrill Lynch*

The QFRM programme provided me with a solid understanding of statistical and financial knowledge, ranging from financial modelling and portfolio management to big data analysis. The programme emphasises real-world applications, such as trading strategies, Bloomberg data analysis and risk simulations, which allowed me to link theoretical knowledge with practical experience and prepare myself for my internship in the asset management industry and early career as an FX trader in an investment bank.



### KEN YUEN

*Morgan Stanley*

The QFRM programme has given me one of the best experiences in my life, and has helped me to develop my friendships, career, knowledge, and professional network. The programme was designed to equip students with both comprehensive business sense and in-depth technical knowledge, both of which are essential in the investment banking industry. Due to the programme's cross-faculty support, we enjoyed very strong career guidance, comprehensive academic support and additional exchange opportunities. All of these things contributed to giving me a highly valuable and eye-opening exchange experience with the University of Warwick. This set of experiences helped me land the internship and subsequently a full-time job offer from the Derivative Trading desk for Morgan Stanley.



## Career Prospects



### LORRAINE ZHAO

*Goldman Sachs*

During my time at university, I treasured the chances available to go outside Hong Kong and explore the world. In my first year, I visited Scotland and attended an English Enhancement Course at the University of Edinburgh. Over the second summer holiday, I took part in an exchange programme with students from Tsinghua University. Both of these exchange experiences enabled me to better understand the wider world and cultivate a mind-set that embraces different cultures and values. This is essential to prepare me for work in an international company. In addition, I gained valuable experience in my last internship. Working with supervisors who had different styles taught me how to adapt to various working styles and how to prioritise tasks when schedules are tight. In job interviews I was frequently asked how I worked under pressure, and my internship experience provided valuable lessons regarding this. As a QFRM alumnus, I am very grateful of having joined the programme and learned technical skills and life values. The rich resources provided by the university have enabled me to aim higher in planning my future after graduation.

### ALAN TSE

*Goldman Sachs*

I joined the FICC Securitized Structuring team at Goldman Sachs after graduation. In this role, I originate securitised derivatives that will be issued to private banks, institutional and corporate investors, ultra-high net-worth individuals and retail clients across APAC. Collaborating with a diverse and talented team around the globe, I have the chance to contribute to the development of innovative derivative solutions for clients, while navigating complex market conditions.

The QFRM programme played a crucial role in preparing me for my position at Goldman Sachs. The comprehensive curriculum fostered a deep understanding of exotic products and their complexities. Through the rigorous coursework, which was coupled with hands-on projects and industry exposure, I bridged the gap between theory and practice and gained insights into the latest trends and challenges in the financial markets. Moreover, my half-year exchange at University College Dublin in Ireland provided me with international exposure and strengthened my cross-cultural communication skills. This experience has equipped me to thrive in a globalised and competitive industry.

### SAMUEL CHIU

*Goldman Sachs*

The QFRM programme allowed me to explore a myriad of opportunities. With the full support of both departments, we were exposed to a broad spectrum of career options, including internships and job-seeking workshops. Rigid quantitative training equipped us with foundational knowledge of the financial markets and the field of risk management. The course structure allowed us to broaden our horizons through an overseas exchange programme, which gave us a great chance to meet new friends and gain new perspectives. I am very grateful for the support from the programme and am honoured to be part of the QFRM community.

### WULA WAN

*Jane Street*

I graduated from QFRM in 2021 and went on to work at Jane Street as a quantitative trader. The QFRM curriculum is a mix of financial, statistical and computer science courses, and you can choose to focus on either study area depending on your interests. In my third year, I went to King's College London as part of the university exchange programme and took several maths-based courses to further develop my quantitative skills. These experiences helped me carve the path to becoming a trader.



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### HENRY LIN

*Crédit Agricole CIB*

The QFRM programme is an intensive course of study that offers solid knowledge in accounting, portfolio management, financial theory, programming and various statistical techniques. All of these studies have given me a greater understanding of and insight into the finance industry. In this programme, I've acquired highly useful knowledge concerning the classic Black Scholes Merton Pricing Model, Machine Learning, FinTech and various other hot topics in the industry. During my studies, with help from the programme office, I joined in various case competitions, became an exchange student at a prestigious university in Canada and connected with various industry practitioners. All of these experiences have broadened my horizon, enriched my university life and made me better prepared to join the industry.

In QFRM, you can always find helpful programme directors, career advisors and supportive staff. More importantly, you can always find a group of friends with common interests who are aiming for the same goal.



### ALAN LIU

*J.P. Morgan*

Currently I'm working at JPMorgan's Healthcare Investment Banking team based in London. Before I relocated to the London office, I also worked in Hong Kong for a year as a M&A analyst.

The training that QFRM has provided me with was really unique – the curriculum includes not only financial courses, but also an inspiring science component. The program helped me build a broad knowledge base, which ranges from statistics to finance, from mathematics to programming.

During my study, I also had the opportunities to intern at the Regulation Department of Hong Kong Monetary Authority, as well as the Sales & Trading team at Jefferies.



### WAI LI TENG

*Ocean Global Capital Management*

As an international student, I have found CUHK a comfortable home throughout my fruitful university experience. It is certainly safe to say that the university has much more to offer than just academic excellence. From my part-time barista job in my freshman year to an overseas exchange programme in the Netherlands, I found that CUHK was always there to provide a wide array of opportunities, with an emphasis on promoting whole-person development. Furthermore, having enrolled in the QFRM programme, I was excited to learn not only pure theory but also hard skills to leverage my knowledge in real-life situations. This kind of real support is, in my honest opinion, the principal aspect that gives CUHK students the edge in career advancement.



### RYAN LIU

*Wells Fargo*

QFRM is an interdisciplinary programme that has equipped me with strong numerical acumen and solid financial knowledge. The curriculum is perfectly balanced between theory and real-life application, and it paves the way for prosperous careers in sales and trading, investment banking, investment management and many other fields. During my senior year, I went for a semester exchange to UC Berkeley, where I rekindled my passion for statistics and finance by meeting various scholars from around the world. After spending a summer at Wells Fargo Securities, I started working full time at the credit trading desk. Nothing beats the intensity and adrenaline of the fast-paced market!



## Career Prospects



### DICKSON YIP

*Hong Kong Monetary Authority*

It is my pleasure to be a student in the QFRM programme, where I have received rigorous training in quantitative skills and technical knowledge, participated in a yearlong exchange programme in the US and worked with several companies as an intern. Throughout my four-year study programme, I have received tremendous support from my home departments – not just academic support, but also career and personal development advice.

QFRM is more than just an academic programme. It is a platform that has connected me, a student, to the greater society. Being part of the working class now, I am very grateful that I have been well trained in the technical knowledge of finance and the soft skills required in the workplace. Looking back at myself when I just started college, I still cannot believe how much I have grown under the guidance of the QFRM programme.

### KELVIN NG

*Deutsche Bank*

Having been a QFRM student for four years in my university life, I am glad to say that I have achieved more than I expected. Throughout my university life as a QFRM student, I joined one exchange programme, completed a few internships and absorbed useful knowledge and skills in finance and risk management.

My overseas exchange experience was a rewarding one. It was an unforgettable journey and encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone. With the support of our department, I was also able to complete a few internships, which provided insights into the industry. Finally, the demanding yet rewarding courses in QFRM provided us with a solid theoretical background and practical applications to the business world.

I would say the programme is one of the best programmes for students aiming for a career in finance and the risk management industry.

### ROBIN ZHAO

*Deutsche Bank*

My university life can be summarised by several keywords: QFRM, friends and hostel, exchange, internship and fun.

As business foundation students at CUHK, we are free to decide on our major in our second year. QFRM is definitely a good choice compared with other programmes, with its combination of finance courses and other quantitative mathematical and statistical courses that prepare students for a broad range of opportunities.

I spent my five university years at New Asia College and lived in Chih Hsing Hall, which is a great hostel with an excellent view and friendly staff, and I have also met some of my best friends here.

QFRM students enjoy a distinctive advantage in exchange opportunities, as we are eligible to apply for the exchange programmes offered by both the Business Faculty and the Science Faculty.

QFRM students can also take advantage of career guidance services from both the QFIN and the RMSC programmes and receive more information about internship and graduate jobs.



# Alumni Sharing

## Career Prospects

### **GILBERT CORNELIUS** *RBC Global Asset Management (Asia) Limited*

After graduating from CUHK in 2024, I joined RBC Global Asset Management as an associate analyst in the Asian Equities Team. My previous experience as an intern within this team allowed me to work as a generalist, covering various sectors and countries. As a QFRM student, I thrive in dynamic learning environments where interdisciplinary subjects intersect. My background enables me to quickly learn about different industries and to present investment ideas to portfolio managers. Another internship at Franklin Templeton Investments provided me with valuable exposure to equities trading in long-only asset management. These experiences have solidified my aspiration to become an equity analyst in an asset management firm.



### **BENNY YE** *GOLDMAN SACHS*

My undergraduate studies in QFRM were challenging yet incredibly rewarding, largely because of the supportive network and well-designed curriculum. The core courses in statistics, finance and computer science provided me with the knowledge I needed to secure internships and graduate positions that were closely related to the financial markets. The programme's strong emphasis on technical skills was particularly valuable, covering languages such as Python, R and VBA, ensuring that I developed a level of technical proficiency that is highly sought after by employers. One of the programme's greatest strengths is its extensive network. The wide-reaching alumni community enabled me to start building professional connections even before graduating. These connections kept me informed about the rapidly evolving trends in the financial industries.



# Alumni Sharing

## Achievements



### **GORDON HO** (Class of 2014)

#### *Gold Medal in Bridge at the Asian Games 2023*

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates is a bridge lover. He once said, "Bridge is deliciously simple in the rules but deliciously complex in doing well". So what is bridge, and why has it attracted famous figures Bill Gates, Warren Buffett and Deng Xiao Ping?

Bridge is a four-player trick-taking game. Two players form a partnership, and three partnerships (i.e. six players) make up a team. Teams play against one another using a standard deck of 52 playing cards. As with other tactical games, bridge requires excellent logical, analytical and puzzle-solving skills. Cooperation between partners is the most important part of bridge, and thus good communication skills and teamwork contribute greatly to successful play.

This was my second time participating in the Asian Games bridge event. In 2018, our team dramatically won the silver medal after a major comeback. This year, with better preparation, our team was even stronger and was able to win the gold medal.



Our team consists of three solid partnerships, including two pairs of silver medallists (including me) from previous Asian Games. In recent years, we have represented Hong Kong and won the gold medal in the Asia Cup, and we also won the APBF Online Tournament, which greatly boosted our confidence. Our main opponents are China and India. China's team features six professional bridge players. They played extremely well in the recent World Bridge Championships, finishing fifth behind some notable European teams. Together with the fact that China was playing at home, I considered them one of the pre-tournament favourites. India also has six professional players, most of whom have been playing bridge for over 40 years. In 2018, India won a bronze medal, and were definitely aiming for a breakthrough this year.

During the 10-day marathon competition (which lasted from 9 am to 7 pm each day), the Hong Kong team demonstrated steady performance, securing 17 wins in 22 sets in the qualifying round and coming first in the semi-final. In the semi-final, we played six sets against Japan, winning 187:139. The other semi-final between India and China was much closer, but India prevailed 180:170. In the final, we played six sets against India. Although we were mentally exhausted, the Hong Kong team continued to perform at a high level. We overcame our fatigue, withstood the pressure and triumphed 229:152.

Bridge is a stimulating game that I believe all people should learn. As the Asian Games conclude, I sincerely hope that this gold medal will bring media attention to the game. This would not only help current players to improve but would also attract new players to the game.



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# The Chinese University of Hong Kong – University of Edinburgh Dual Degree Programme



## Programme Overview

Under the dual degree programme, students will graduate with two bachelor's degrees each from CUHK and UoE respectively. The University of Edinburgh is one of the UK's leading centres in Mathematics and ranked 15th in the world in the QS World University Rankings in 2023. In addition to core courses and capstone/dissertation, the School of Mathematics offers a range of options in pure mathematics, applied mathematics, theoretical physics, statistics, operational research, financial mathematics and business analytics.

## Programme Structure

Duration: 4 years  
Study Pattern: first 2 years in CUHK +  
second 2 years in Edinburgh

## 1st Cohort

2023-24

# Degrees Conferred

| CUHK Major  | CUHK Degree   | UoE Degree                        |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Statistics (STAT)                                       | BSc in Statistics                                       | BSc in Mathematics and Statistics |
| Risk Management Science (RMSC)                          | BSc in Risk Management Science                          | BSc in Mathematics and Business   |
| Quantitative Finance and Risk Management Science (QFRM) | BSc in Quantitative Finance and Risk Management Science | BSc in Mathematics and Business   |

## Tuition Fees

In addition to covering the tuition fees for CUHK for the whole study period, students are required to pay the tuition fees for UoE during their two years of enrolment there.

### Applicable to students admitted to CUHK in 2024-25

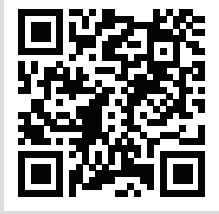
Selected students will be offered scholarships to cover the tuition fees for UoE during their two years of enrolment there.

### Applicable to students admitted to CUHK in 2025-26

Only non-local students are eligible to apply and are required to pay the tuition fees for UoE on a self-financed basis.

## Admission Requirements

1. Cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above in their first year of studies (summer term included).
2. Students should have taken courses following the recommended study plan (information available later) for dual degree students, or they may have to extend their normative study period as deemed appropriate. Please check with the Department of Statistics for more information.
3. Starting from the 2025-26 academic year, only non-local students admitted to the Statistics (STAT), Risk Management Science (RMSC), and Quantitative Finance and Risk Management Science (QFRM) programmes will be eligible to apply.







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