香港中文大學
CUHK

GLEF
Global Economics & Finance

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Social Science/CUHK

CUHK BUSINESS SCHOOL
LOOK FORWARD

2027-28
Interdisciplinary Major Programme in

Global Economics and Finance



Why GLEF?

Curriculum

- Global economic interdependence
- Financial markets & institutions
- Financial instruments & valuation
- Quantitative analysis

Distinct Advantages

- Intimate learning community
- Global leadership development
- World-class faculty members
- Rigorous academic training
- Immersive internship and global experiences
- Unrivalled resources and facilities
- Dedicated support system

Non-conventional Major Topics

- Global monetary systems & exchange rates
- International financial stabilization
- Multilateral institutions & global governance
- The rise of China & its global impact
- Global financial markets & portfolio management
- Financial risk & crisis management
- Financial regulation & compliance
- Sustainable finance & corporate social responsibility

Student Mix

Diversified Family

- Argentina
- Bangladesh
- Brazil
- China
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Italy
- Japan
- Kazakhstan
- Latvia
- Macao
- Malaysia
- Mongolia
- New Zealand
- Poland
- Portugal
- Russia
- Slovakia
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam



Overseas Exchange



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Universities Explored

Exchange Sharing







Davide Sallustro

University of Cambridge, UK

'As an exchange student, I was determined to absolutely get lost **outside my comfort zone**, getting out of my typical way and seeing how much more I can do.

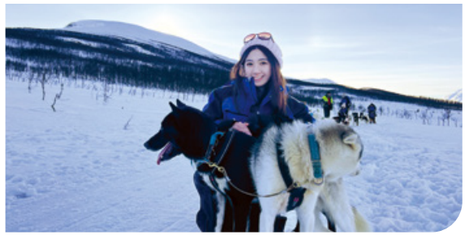
Compared to most Hong Kong students, I find students here to be in general much more passionate about their subjects. They are driven more by inherent curiosity, rather than career goals as Hong Kong students are.

Preceding a solo winter trip, I went on a conference trip to Amsterdam with Effective Altruism ("EA") Cambridge. On my own, I also went to see a live performance by one of my favourite artists, Fox Stevenson, and watched an improv show of my favourite group, Shoot From The Hip.

Through the many unforgettable experiences I have **forged many relationships**, some I firmly believe will last a lifetime.'

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Brittany Ho

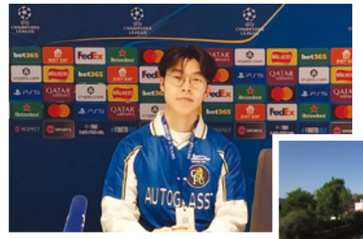
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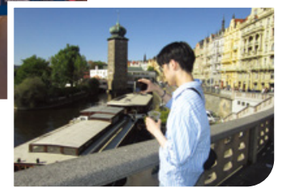
'GLEF puts much **premium** on students' global exposure and I am fortunate to go on two exchanges in the United States and Europe, respectively.

For sure, travel is the highlight of exchange. I visited 13 states in the US and 15 countries in Europe. In New York City, I witnessed firsthand how diversity can bring in different perspectives and drive innovation. The stunning play of light and shadow created a breathtaking landscape in Antelope Canyon that left me in awe. In Norway, I was greeted by a mesmerizing natural spectacle - the Northern Lights. The enchanting shades of green, purple, and red left me enchanted, etching a lasting memory in my mind.



These exchange experiences have created a **transformative impact** for me, both personally and professionally. The connections I made, the knowledge I gained, and the experiences I had will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on my future.'





Brian Hui

Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

'It was a fruitful experience for me to go on an exchange to the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), as I got to **meet people from different countries** and travel to various European cities.

It was my first time in Europe, and it was a really exciting trip for me. The culture and environment of each city were different, so it was interesting to explore them and enjoy each city's charm. Watching the World Cup with the locals, travelling around with my friends who were also on an exchange, nighttime solo city walks, flying to London to watch the Premier League…There were **countless core memories** for my exchange journey, and these times were surely invaluable!

At school, I also got to collaborate with students from around the world and made new friends. It was interesting to talk to people from different places, as I could always learn something new, no matter if it was about their cultures, their languages, or their ways of thinking.'

Experiential Learning

Internships

Asset Management & Investment
Blackstone Group
China International Capital Corporation
Citadel Securities
Guotai Haitong Securities
Macquarie
Merrill Lynch
Nomura

Banking & Capital Markets
Bank of China (Hong Kong)
Citi
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
DBS
HSBC
ING Bank
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group

Consulting & Professional Services
Deloitte
McKinsey
PwC

Corporate & Conglomerates
China Renaissance
John Swire & Sons
K11
LVMH
Sino Group
The Hong Kong Jockey Club

Regulators & Government Bodies
Commerce and Economic Development Bureau
Hong Kong Monetary Authority
The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited

Technology & Innovation
Alibaba Entrepreneurs Fund
Samsung Electronics
Tencent

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Internship Sharing





Chenny Liu
JPMorgan

'My internship at JPMorgan Asset Management was a **meaningful part** of my journey.

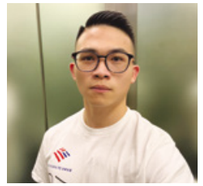
Over the summer, I had the opportunity to work in the Intermediary Business Team, where I gained practical exposure to how an asset management firm operates, from branch data integration and meeting summaries to cross-regional projects and strategic proposals. I learned a great deal from the team's fast-paced environment and from the chance to observe how market views, client needs, and business constraints come together in daily work.

Looking back, the internship helped me become **more confident** in both analytical thinking and communication. It also made me appreciate how important it is to understand the client's perspective, work efficiently under pressure, and present ideas clearly to different audiences. With the academic training and cross-cultural exposure I received through GLEF, this internship experience gave me a **stronger foundation for future work** in finance.

it confirmed my interest in continuing to build a career in finance and investment management.'

Experiential Learning

Internship Sharing





Gary Zhang
Bank of America

'I joined a 10-week summer internship at Bank of America, under Global Capital Markets, in 2025. I have **rotated across three teams**, including Equity Capital Market (ECM), Debt Capital Market (DCM) as well as Equity-linked Products (EQL) throughout my time in this international bank.

During the time in BofA, I had the chance to work on famous deals and tackle real-life challenges. This is definitely a good method to apply the knowledge that I have learnt at school, to genuine financial markets.

GLEF program has prepared me well for the majority of challenges during this internship – courses such as Option and Futures and The China Economy have conveyed me **useful insights** regarding global financial markets, and the **supportive atmosphere** here has also offered me great flexibility to plan my career.

I am very grateful that I have received enormous support from both the directors and the administrator of this program, so that I have the chance to devote myself to my favorite industry.'



Sharen Hong
John Swire & Sons

'This summer I joined the John Swire & Sons summer internship program, it was a **fruitful and rewarding** experience.

I was seconded to Swire Coca-Cola Hong Kong, under the Commercial Leadership Team. My team mainly focuses on pricing, forecasting, and budgeting of the company. Throughout these tasks, I had a comprehensive and deeper understanding of how a NARTD company works and in particular, the process of projecting financials for budgeting use.

In general, GLEF is a **well-planned program** with a small cohort size where students can get the right amount of attention and **build a closer bonding**. The effective networking within GLEF allowed students to be more well-prepared when seeking for internships and full-time positions as they could seek help from seniors.'

Experiential Learning

Career Ambassador

We view career development as an essential complement to academic study and campus life. Each year, two senior GLEF students take on the role of Career Ambassadors, curating **hard-skill workshops, peer-led sessions, mentorship programme**, and networking events that give their peers a head-start on the job market.

Our tight-knit GLEF community provides networking, skill-building and leadership opportunities that equip every GLEFer with a **distinct competitive edge** and the support needed to succeed.


Internship Sharing



Exchange Sharing


Investment Workshop


Guest Lecture by Prof Joseph Yam, Founder of HKMA


Guest Lecture by J.P. Morgan

Mentorship Programme

Pairs students with alumni and professionals across finance, consulting, fintech, CSR and other sectors, maintaining a low mentor to mentee ratio for **personalized guidance**. Alumni regularly visit campus to share real-world insights, career tips and insider knowledge, helping you broaden your horizons and map a clear path towards your future.





The Society of Global Economics and Finance (GEFS)

Founded in 2012, GEFS is the official student-run hub for all GLEFers. Our mission is to unite, inspire and empower GLEF students to **make the most of university life.**

We're excited to welcome you to a thriving GLEF family —where learning, leadership, and lifelong friendships intersect.


Orientation Camp


Semester Kick-off Dinner


Inauguration Ceremony


Annual Dinner


Spring Dinner


Party with Non-local Students



Photo Day

Student Achievements

- HKGCC Business Case Competition 2025, Champion
- Bloomberg' Global Trading Challenge 2025, Grand Prize Winner
- CUHK Capstone Project Presentation Competition 2025, 1st Runner-up
- BI International Case Competition (BIICC) 2025, 2nd Place
- APRU Global Health Virtual Case Competition 2024, Top 10
- CQA 11th Annual Investment Challenge 2024, 2nd Runner-up
- Asian Business Case Competition (ABCC) 2023, Champion
- Venture Capital on Campus (VCoC) Investment Challenge 2023, Winning Team
- CFA Institute Research Challenge – Hong Kong Local Final 2022-23, Champion Team
- McDonough Business Strategy Challenge 2023 (MBSC), Finalist

… and many more!





Career
Prospects

“Our graduates step into a broad spectrum of high-impact roles”

Their New Chapters

Asset Management & Investments
Amundi Asset Management
BlackRock
BNP Paribas
BofA Securities
Crédit Suisse
Fidelity International
Mirae Asset Global
Schroders
UBS
Wellington Management

Banking & Capital Markets
Bank of America
Barclays
China Construction Bank (Asia)
Commerzbank
Deutsche Bank
Goldman Sachs
Hang Seng Bank
J.P. Morgan
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group
Morgan Stanley
Standard Chartered Bank
UOB

Consulting & Professional Services
Accenture
Deloitte
Ernst & Young
KPMG
Mercer

Corporate & Conglomerates
AIA
Cathay Pacific
Hong Kong Disneyland
L'Oréal
Sun Hung Kai Properties

Regulators & Government Bodies
HKEX
Hong Kong Monetary Authority
HKSAR Government
Securities and Futures Commission

Technology & Innovation
Bloomberg
Google
Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks
Huawei
Xccelerate
Zenyum

Further Studies
Columbia University
Harvard University
Imperial College London
London School of Economics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Nanyang Technological University
Sciences Po
Tsinghua University
University College London
University of Pennsylvania

…and many more exciting pathways worldwide



Alumni
Sharing



Kristina Khlopunova
Analyst, Pershing Ventures

‘As a graduate of the GLEF programme at CUHK, I am thrilled to look back on my time in this remarkable journey. Joining the GLEF programme was a **dream come true**, as it allowed me to dive deep into finance under experienced professors.

The diverse curriculum exposed me to a wide range of courses that equipped me with a strong foundation. Studying alongside **smart and driven students**, we collaborated on projects and participated in various case study competitions, further enhancing my learning experience. One of the highlights of my GLEF experience was the opportunity to complete a summer internship at CICC, a prominent investment bank in China. The internship let me see how the things I learned in my classes were applied in a professional setting.

Now, as an Analyst at a venture capital company, I am grateful for the **comprehensive education and practical training** I received during my time in the GLEF programme, providing me with this educational experience and bringing up my passion for working in the finance industry.’

‘The decision to transfer into GLEF has undoubtedly been one of the **most rewarding choices** I made during my time at CUHK. I am grateful for the abundance of resources and connections that the program has provided me. When I reflect on my journey, it is the incredible staffs, experienced alumni, supportive seniors, and inspiring peers who have truly made it an unforgettable experience.

The interdisciplinary nature of GLEF has played a **pivotal role** in shaping both my learning and career path. The economics courses exposed me to diverse perspectives on interpreting market news, while the finance courses provided me with a comprehensive understanding of various financial instruments. These experiences have ignited my passion for the intricacies of the markets and have been instrumental in my growth.

I can confidently say that my four years as a GLEFer were filled with **joy and fulfilment**.’



Henry Chiang
Banker Analyst, J.P. Morgan Private Bank



Christie Leung
Associate Director, HSBC

‘When I chose GLEF, I was looking for more than a degree — I wanted a programme that would help me grow, prepare for my career, and experience the world. Looking back, GLEF has delivered beyond that –

First, flexibility. University is where you learn to make your decisions - courses, schedules, even your future. In GLEF, you have the **freedom and the all-round support** to shape your pathway from the beginning - from exchanges, minors and internships, etc. Second, international exposure. GLEF encourages you to step out of your comfort zone to explore the world, where each of us can choose the field, school, country, timing of their own interest. My exchange experience at UT Austin reminded me how big the world is and helped me build a **new perspective** in entrepreneurship and finance, leading to my venture launched in my final year. Third, social science foundation. In today’s fast-changing world, understanding human behaviour and complex systems strengthens critical thinking and builds valuable soft skills. The **social aspect** is one of the underrated abilities in the financial industry. Finally, you’re well-supported. With a small cohort with very strong career guidance, you’re surrounded by **like-minded peers** and professionals who help you explore confidently, and support you in university.

GLEF shapes students into **global thinkers**—ready to create their own unique stories and make impact to the world.’

Looking for admission and latest information?

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