

# WHAT TO DO WITH A DEGREE IN FINANCE



A degree in Finance opens the door to a dynamic and opportunity-rich career in a broad range of industries. Whether you're interested in investment analysis, corporate finance, banking, or financial planning, this degree equips you with the analytical, quantitative, and strategic skills organizations rely on to make informed financial decisions. If you're drawn to understanding markets, managing risk, or driving business growth through financial insight, studying Finance can lead to a wide variety of rewarding roles across the private sector, public institutions, and financial services in Canada.

This profile is designed to be a **starting point for your career exploration**. It can help you:

- Discover potential career options;
- Guide your research into industries and job roles;
- Identify relevant employers and professional associations;
- Make meaningful connections with people in your field of interest.

## Key Skills & Knowledge

- Analytical & Problem-Solving Skills
- Technical Knowledge
- Mathematical Skills
- Accounting Software Proficiency
- Teamwork & Collaboration
- Attention to Detail
- Global & Canadian Economic Contexts
- Professional Development Orientation
- Data Analysis
- Communication Skills
- Knowledge of Regulations
- Time Management
- Relationship Building
- Ethics & Professionalism
- Strategic Thinking
- Investment Principles

## START YOUR FUTURE HERE

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### *Important Note:*

This resource does not list every possible career path, and it's **not meant to limit your choices**. Your career journey is unique, and there are countless opportunities beyond what's listed here.

Use this guide as a tool for **discovery**—to reflect on what interests you, explore new possibilities, and uncover opportunities that align with your goals, values, and strengths.

## Sample Job Titles

Job opportunities vary based on your degree specialization, experience, and industry. Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the British Columbia government's [occupational profiles](#) for salary info and more detail.

- Financial Analyst (Junior)
- Cost Analyst
- Personal Banking Advisor
- Mutual Fund Representative
- Finance Coordinator
- Budget Analyst (Junior)
- Commercial Banking Associate
- Financial Officer
- Wealth Management Associate
- Real Estate Financial Analyst
- Underwriting Assistant
- Financial Services Officer
- Tax Compliance Officer (CRA)
- Actuarial Assistant

## Potential Fields

- Non-profit & Charitable Organizations
- Public Accounting
- Tech & Start-up Companies
- Healthcare
- Film, Media & Creative Industries
- Real Estate & Construction
- Government & Public Sector
- Banking & Financial Services
- Entrepreneurship & Consulting
- Media, Entertainment & Publishing
- Corporate / Industry Accounting

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# Associations & Professional Development

CFA Society Vancouver:

[www.cfasociety.org/vancouver/home](http://www.cfasociety.org/vancouver/home)

Association of Women in Finance:

[www.womeninfinance.ca](http://www.womeninfinance.ca)

Canadian Securities Institute (CSI):

[www.csi.ca/en](http://www.csi.ca/en)

Canadian Security Traders Association(CSTA):

<https://canadiansta.org/>

Advocis: Financial Advisors Association of Canada:

[www.advocis.ca](http://www.advocis.ca)

LinkedIn Learning, Coursera, CSC: For online professional development and certification programs.

## Get Involved

Exploring and engaging with accounting-related opportunities during your degree is a great way to build real-world experience, expand your professional network, and stand out to employers after graduation. Here's how to get started:

- Join a Student Club
- Become a Student Member of a Professional Association
- Attend Conferences, Career Fairs, & Networking Events
- Pursue Co-ops & Internships: [www.ufv.ca/jobs](http://www.ufv.ca/jobs)
- Volunteer with Finance-Related Organizations
- Build a Professional Profile
- Engage with Faculty & Alumni

## Job Boards

Indeed: [www.ca.indeed.com](http://www.ca.indeed.com)

Canadian Bankers Association: [www.cba.ca](http://www.cba.ca)

TalentEgg: [www.talentegg.ca](http://www.talentegg.ca)

CFA Society Vancouver:

[www.cfasociety.org/vancouver/home](http://www.cfasociety.org/vancouver/home)

Glassdoor: [www.glassdoor.ca](http://www.glassdoor.ca)

LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/jobs](http://www.linkedin.com/jobs)

LinkedIn Groups: e.g. Finance Professionals of BC, BC Accounting & Finance Network

Workopolis: [www.workopolis.com](http://www.workopolis.com)

Government of Canada Job Bank:  
[www.jobbank.gc.ca/findajob](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca/findajob)

Advanced Professionals Financial Planning (FP Canada):  
[www.fpcanada.ca/news/career-board](http://www.fpcanada.ca/news/career-board)

WorkBC: [www.workbc.ca](http://www.workbc.ca)

Business Council of BC: [www.bcbc.com](http://www.bcbc.com)

UFV Centre for Experiential & Career Education:  
[www.ufv.ca/jobs](http://www.ufv.ca/jobs)

## Next Steps

### STEP 1: Identify your top 3-5 skills:

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### STEP 3: Research these jobs on [Indeed.ca](http://Indeed.ca)

### STEP 4: Identify 5-7 work environments that you think would be a good fit for you:

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### STEP 2: Write down 5-7 job titles that interest you:

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### STEP 5: Meet with your School of Business Advisor to discuss your findings and create an educational plan that matches what you've discovered:

[Book an Advising Appointment](#)