

MASTER OF FINANCIAL ANALYSIS NEWSLETTER

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SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE:

- ❖ Portfolio Theory
- ❖ Analysis of Fixed Income
- ❖ Financial Statement Analysis
- ❖ Real Estate Alt. Investments
- ❖ Derivatives

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1/17/21 – SAS Workshop, Professor Yuan

1/19/21 – Spring 2021 Classes Begin

1/22/21 – Financial Modeling, Professor Longo (Cohort 1)

1/29/21 – Fin Tech Networking Event

2/5/21 – Fin Tech, Professor Weaver (Cohort 1 & 2)

2/5/21 – CES – RU-NB Virtual Career & Internship Fair Series

2/12/21 – Lunch & Learn, Vincent McBride, Lord Abbett

2/19/21 – Financial Modeling, Professor Longo (Cohort 2)

2/19/21 - RBS Virtual Career Fair – Accounting & Finance Expo

2/19/21 – Lunch & Learn, Rupesh Shah, FTI Consulting

2/6/21 – RBS Virtual Career Fair

3/13/21 – 3/21/21 – Spring Break

3/1/21 – Diploma Application for May Graduation Ends

3/26/21 – Lunch & Learn, Frank Ghali, CEO Jordan Park

5/3/21 – Spring 2021 Classes End

May 2021 – CFA Boot Camp

5/16/21 – University Commencement

5/28/21 – RBS Graduate Programs Convocation, NJPAC

May 2021 – CFA Exam – All Levels

CFA CORNER

Please check the CFA Website for the most recent information!

<http://www.cfainstitute.org/en>

MFinA CFA Bootcamp
May 2021
Dates TBA soon



Level 1 Candidates:

-March 21-23 Exam Window if your exam has been postponed

-Level 1 Exam window in the months of May, August and November

Level 2 & 3 Candidates:

-Same exam windows as Level 1 Candidates

-Additional windows will be added for August & November

<https://www.cfainstitute.org/en/programs/cfa/exam/exam-updates>

2020-2021 CFA Challenge

The CFA is the preeminent professional industry association for securities analysts, investment strategists, mutual fund managers, hedge fund managers, and traders, with more than 170,000 members worldwide. In recent years, The CFA Institute has actively sought to mentor students at top-ranked colleges and universities in the NY-Metro area and on a global basis.

Rutgers Business School has once again been invited to compete in the seventeenth annual CFA Investment Research Challenge against top-ranked schools from around the world. Students from each school will (virtually) meet the CEO (or other senior executive) of a publicly-traded company and write a detailed stock report valuing this firm. A distinguished panel of Wall Street professionals will judge the written reports and oral presentations on each team.

This high-profile event offers great networking opportunities for MFinA students and is an activity of substance that would impress recruiters on interviews. RBS has often finished among the top schools since joining the competition, winning the NY regional in six prior years and finishing as high as global runner-up out of over 500 schools.

“To begin with, it is a great honor to be a part of the CFA Research Challenge, representing Rutgers Business School-New Brunswick.

This research challenge is more of a hands-on experience with financial analysis. I am a CFA level 2 candidate, so I am applying all of the theoretical concepts in the challenge that I learned for level 1. I have had the opportunity to apply practical applications in the challenge including overviewing the business, valuations, analysis of those valuations, risk, return, and other factors required to support the recommendation for the stock of that particular company.”

Avani Waghela, CFA Level 2 Candidate, CFA Challenge Participant

“Avani and I were able to participate in the CFA Research Competition in order to craft a report on A10 Networks, an information technology company. This company is listed on the NASDAQ and provides solutions against DDoS attacks and other infrastructure vulnerability. With technology constantly evolving, with new vulnerabilities and defenses invented daily, this is therefore an advantageous opportunity for the market entrance as the services are needed now and going forward as well.”

Danil Chostko, Cohort 2 President, CFA Challenge Participant

Office of OISS

Please check the OISS Website for additional information!

<https://myrun.newark.rutgers.edu/oiss>

Offering remote advising via email, phone and virtual appointments

Please send student inquiries to oiss@newark.rutgers.edu

Check all travel advisories and bans for any country here:

<https://travel.site.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>

For COVID-19 pandemic related information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

Please be advised, you may need to have a plan in place to quarantine for the recommended time upon your arrival and return

Office of International Student & Scholar Services

How to Request a Travel Signature with the OISS

Traveling during the current COVID-19 Pandemic comes with many risks, and while the OISS advises against travel, we wanted to give you a brief reminder of the steps to request a travel signature and proceed with your travel plans safely, if you choose to do so.

Helpful tips:

- Travel signatures are only valid for one year while you are an F-1 student and six months while on OPT and STEM OPT. If you already have a travel signature on your I-20, make sure that it will be valid for the entire time you wish to travel.
- If you have submitted an application to USCIS for OPT or STEM OPT, and you are in your grace period, you should not plan to re-enter the U.S., without having your receipt notice or your EAD card. You may be denied entry.
- Make sure to carry all important travel documents on you and not in a checked bag.

Requesting a new travel signature through RGlobal portal:

1. Log into RGlobal Portal.
2. Select "Travel Signature I-20 Request" and enter the E-form information requested.
 - a. Passport & Visa expiration date
 - b. Current U.S. address & phone number
 - c. Explain primary purpose for travel
 - d. Expected departure & return dates
 - e. Indicate if you are on OPT & if you have an OPT application submitted & are awaiting an EAD card
 - f. Complete two acknowledgement statements
3. Submit your form.
4. Wait for your request to be reviewed, approved or denied (This process can take 3-5 business days).
5. Once approved, you will obtain an endorsed I-20 with a travel signature via email. Please print, sign and date your new document and bring with you on your travels.

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Student Information

Class Presidents

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Cohort 1



Danil Chostko

President,
Cohort 2

HEAR FROM MFINA ALUMNI



<https://youtu.be/wZkfsDrRI18>



<https://youtu.be/pG-o4UN-vJw>

Steps to Obtain a Social Security Number:

If you need to obtain a social security number, the OISS has confirmed temporary SSN application procedures for Rutgers-N students.

1. Students should visit the following link and enter their current zip code to locate their Social Security field office:
<https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>.
2. Reach out to field office directly by calling to see how to best manage your social security application.
3. Must complete a Social Security Application Packet which include:
 - Hard copy of completed SSN application
 - Original valid passport with F-1 visa
 - Printed I-94 record
 - Original I-20 documents (both current & previous)
 - Employment offer letter and OISS letter of support, signed by Designated School Official

WHAT IS SIBE?

Summer Intensive Business English



Meet Sami Elmansoury, President of Precision Learning

Learn what SIBE offers the MFinA students.

<https://rutgers.box.com/s/ilraieqtwbnq4dvunrxfmyf661az898l>

Career Counseling

Behavioral Interview Questions

Office of Career Management

<http://myrbs.business.rutgers.edu/financial-analysis/career-management>

Career Management Tips

1. Your resume is the most important tool in your job search.
2. Have an action-oriented mindset.
3. Network! Network! Network!
4. Embrace continuous learning.
5. YOU own your career management process.



For any career advice, please call or write: John Renaldo
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Your Time to be a STAR

The three major components of any career management game plan are your (1) Professional documents (Resume, LinkedIn profile, cover letter), (2) Networking and job search strategies, and (3) Interviewing techniques. When it comes to interviewing, there are various methods and questions that may be asked. One very popular method is the Behavioral Interview, which is also the primary interview technique used for AI-based interviews, such as HireVue. These questions are asked to get a feel for how you've performed and behaved in the past – and are designed to see if your skills will be a good fit for the position the company is looking to fill.

HR professionals and hiring managers ask these types of questions to evaluate how you have behaved in real-world situations and what added value you could bring to their organization. They seek specific examples of skills and experiences that relate directly to the position that you are interviewing for. The best strategy for success with these questions is to build stories to support your competencies and highlight your key accomplishments. Storytelling skills in answering behavioral questions (relating to problem-solving, teamwork, leadership, handling pressure, etc.) are key to validating your abilities and getting hired.

The STAR methodology is the best way to frame behavioral interview questions. Using this method, you tell a story that the interviewer can easily follow based on:

A **Situation** – what was the problem?

Your **Task** – what did you need to do?

An **Action** – what specific steps did you take to achieve your goal and most importantly,

the **Result** - what was the outcome?

When preparing your answers, it is important to read the job description carefully and address the skills and qualifications it calls for. You can then prepare your “go-to” stories from previous work experience, academic projects, sports teams, volunteer work, internships, and extra-curricular activities. To ace the interview, you need to listen to each question carefully and articulate your abilities in each area in a concise (< 2 minutes) and detailed manner – being sure to identify your accomplishments.

Success in behavioral interviews is all about preparation. There are no wrong answers because the questions are designed to get to know the real you. Answering these questions honestly and using the STAR method to structure your responses in a way that communicates what you have to offer - with results-based examples – will allow you to stand out against the competition.

Storytelling is one of the most important skills you need to develop in your career management game plan – the good news is that because it is a skill, you can improve upon it with practice. It is your opportunity to show what makes you unique and shine like a STAR!

MFinA Photo Contest

During the break after your first semester in the MFinA program, it is a great time to relax after long and stressful Fall.

If traveling is your thing, enjoy!

If your thing is relaxing, find a nice cushion.

You have a chance to win by submitted photos in the following categories:

Best Break Vacation Award

Best Break Staycation Award

Best New York Experience

Prize is \$100 for each category.



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For any questions, please email Cheryl at cdaniels@business.rutgers.edu

Best Break Vacation Award



Disney is always a popular destination. We have had students visit Alaska to see the Northern Lights, or watch the sun set in the Pacific from a coffee shop in San Francisco, or go on a safari in Africa. If you think your trip is exciting, make sure to take lots of pictures and submit the best, along with a paragraph describing your travels!

Best Break Staycation Award

Some students will just wave to their classmates as they leave on vacation. Then they put on comfortable clothes, gather up some cushions, make some popcorn and binge watch their favorite TV series. If this sounds like you, then take some pictures of you and your friends relaxing! Send your best pictures along with a paragraph describing how you like to relax!



Best New York Experience Award



We are right next door to one of the most exciting cities in the world! Whether you have visited to take a tour around New York Harbor, walked across the Brooklyn Bridge, skated at the Rockefeller Center or visited the Space Shuttle, the city never sleeps or fails to deliver. This award covers anything you have done in NYC during your time in the MFinA program! Submit your pictures for a chance to win!