Global Impact Scholarship for the Master of Finance (MF)

Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance

The Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF) Master of Finance (MF) program is happy to announce the establishment of ten (10) Global Impact Scholarships for international candidates from top universities world-wide, applying for the 2-year, full-time MF program for matriculation in fall each year. Either full or half international tuition (USD 31,000 total for 2 years) scholarships will be awarded.

The outstanding candidates have the chance to be recommended by the MF program to apply for the Chinese Government Scholarship, which includes tuition waiver, free on-campus accommodation and a monthly allowance.

Eligibility

- Candidates must not be a citizen of China (including the Mainland, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao) at the time of application.
- Candidates must have a Bachelor degree, with a GPA ranking in the top 50% of the undergraduate institution.
- Applicants must submit a complete set of application materials online:

Criteria

Decisions will be made based on the following merits:

- Undergraduate academic performance
- GMAT/GRE score
- Other academic/professional credentials or certifications
- Demonstrated leadership and communication skills
- Future career potential
How to Apply

Step 1 - Apply for Admission
Applications for the MF Program must be made electronically by **30 April** via the SAIF MF online application portal at:
http://onlineapp.saif.sjtu.edu.cn/mf-en/studentLogin!index.action

Application Check-list:
- A completed online application form (from application portal)
- Resumes/CV
- Copy of graduation certificates and official university transcript
- Two reference letters
- Photocopy of the information page of your passport
- GMAT/GRE
- Proof of English proficiency*

* Language test can be waived if the applicant has received secondary or tertiary education in an English-speaking country.

Step 2 - Apply for the Global Impact scholarship
Once you submit the application online, you should email the MF program via mf.admissions@saif.sjtu.edu.cn with your school’s recommendation letter and specify that you will be applying for the SAIF MF’s Global Impact scholarship.

Step 3 - Apply for Chinese Government Scholarship
For the outstanding applicants, we will help you apply for the Chinese Government Special Scholarship before March 1st. You may download the introduction of the scholarship via http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua/scholarshipen.aspx

Please note that the first two steps must be completed before March 1st if you want to apply for the Chinese Government Scholarship.
About Us

SAIF’s mission is to be a world-class institution of research and advanced learning in finance and management.

SAIF was established within Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) in April 2009. It combines the best of Western and Chinese education systems along with exceptional resources and faculty to offer a world class education on the campus of one of China’s top universities.

The MF program has been the flagship program at SAIF since it first matriculated students in the fall of 2009. Our mission is to provide the best and brightest young individuals with the academic knowledge and professional skills needed to succeed in the global finance industry.

To achieve this mission, we provide students with a curriculum rooted in modern financial theory, that delivers sophisticated quantitative and analytical tools and imparts state-of-the-art practical knowledge and skills to meet the rigors of today’s finance profession. Furthermore, the MF program is committed to fostering exceptional leadership and communication skills, the highest levels of professionalism, and an exemplary sense of social responsibility.

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Studying SAIF’s MASTER OF FINANCE is the experience of a lifetime.
At the SAIF Master of Finance program, we are known for our

“Power the Future of Finance” spirit, allowing us to prepare young financial talent in order to succeed.

It is a responsibility we do not take lightly. We do it with an uncompromising commitment to attract and retain the highest caliber faculty world-wide, with the passion to cultivate young talent, and the joy to watch them grow, with the drive to build industry connections, and with the integrity to embrace our challenges and to contribute more to the financial field.

This is what we call SAIF MF’s determination. It is this determination that gives our students the strength to go farther, our partners the confidence to aim higher, and our constituents the courage to achieve our vision with heart, to power the future of finance.
Dean’s Greeting

Chun CHANG
Professor of Finance, SAIF
Executive Dean, SAIF
Ph.D. in Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences, Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University

SAIF is committed to becoming a world-class institution in developing top talent and cutting-edge knowledge. Since its foundation and throughout the development of SAIF, it has been our goal to be the premier institute for financial education and research. For the past six years, SAIF has attracted and retained a strong team of the highest-caliber professors from all over the world, and has already created both a rich learning environment and a powerful network. These attributes await your exploration.

I believe that China will not only be the driving engine of the world economy, but also the polestar for the development of the global financial industry for the next 20 years. This is a precious historical opportunity, and I hope that our students and prospective students all choose to ambitiously seize this opportunity, SAIF will be here for you and will grow along with you.
SAIF’s Milestones

2008

September
Finance MBA part-time program is launched with the first cohort of 54 students

2009

April
SAIF is officially inaugurated

August
China Academy of Financial Research (CAFR) is inaugurated

September
Master of Finance and Finance MBA programs are launched

2010

February
SAIF building officially opens its doors

June
EMBA program is launched

September
Ph.D. program is launched

2011

July
The first MF class graduates

2012

July
SAIF begins to offer the Finance EMBA in Beijing

September
DBA in Global Financial Management is launched

2013

January
SAIF is granted AACSB membership
SAIF Alumni Association is established

December
Faculty team reaches 45 members

2014

March
The first ‘International Audit’ is conducted

April
SAIF celebrates its 5th Anniversary
SAIF’s mission is to be a world-class institution of research and advanced learning in finance and management.

Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF) was established within Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) in April 2009, with strategic and financial support from the Shanghai Municipal Government. SAIF combines the best of Western and Chinese education systems along with exceptional resources and faculty to offer a world class education on the campus of one of China’s top universities. While the program has a strong global focus, it is unique in that it is also accepted domestically by the Ministry of Education as an officially acknowledged degree.

As a member of the world’s financial community, SAIF strives to contribute to the development of Shanghai as a global financial center. In working towards this goal, SAIF plays many different roles such as being a global talent and research center, a hub for interaction amongst academic, industry and government leaders, and a symbol of innovation with a positive impact widely recognized by the media and leading financial professionals globally.

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Faculty oversight and government are the guiding principles of SAIF and our world-class faculty, who come from both academic and professional backgrounds and who actively participate in the crafting of SAIF MF’s vision, strategy and curriculum.

Globally-Renowned Faculty

Faculty members obtained their Ph.D. degree from the following universities.

By the end of July, 2014
We have 24 full-time professors and 34 special term professors. These numbers continue to grow.
100% of our faculty members hold a Ph.D. degree from top global universities.
79.6% of our professors are or were tenured faculty at top global institutions.

From establishment in 2009 to January, 2014:
183 Academic/Industry Meeting Proceedings
15 textbook author credits
SAIF MF Student Journey

SAIF MF’s student journey is designed in combination by our faculty and industry leaders. We draw on our faculty’s collective knowledge and experience to design a student journey that is academically rigorous and relevant. We bring industry professionals and leaders into our classrooms and our students’ education through action learning, whereby our students learn through direct interaction with high-level business leaders on live projects. This focus is forward-thinking both in spirit and implementation, and aligns us with the top business programs in the world by emphasizing learning-by-doing.

Year 1
- Opening Ceremony and Orientation
- Compulsory Courses
- Restricted Elective Courses
- MF International Module

Summer Intern or Consulting Project

Year 2
- SAIF LIVE
- SAIF Consulting Co - MIT China Lab
- Free Elective Courses
- Thesis

Graduation

ELSA (Extended Learning and Student Activities)

Career Service
Courses

Compulsory Courses
(subject to change)

Business Communication
Business Writing
Chinese Economy: Theory and Practice
Corporate Finance
Derivative Securities
Financial Econometrics
Financial Mathematics
Foundation of Financial Economics
Investment Analysis
Presentation Skills
Principles of Accounting
Principles of Finance
Quantitative Analysis and Modeling
Simulation Tools for Quantitative Finance
Understanding Wall Street - Lecture Series

Restricted Electives
(subject to change)

Fixed Income Securities
Risk Management
Securities Analysis and Valuation

Free Electives
(subject to change)

Alternative Investment
Asset Management in Practice
Behavioral Finance
Commercial Banking
Corporate Governance, Strategy and Enterprise Risk Management
Entrepreneurial Finance
Financial Engineering
Financial Reporting & Analysis
Financial Trading Lab
International Corporation Finance
International Finance
Investment Banking - Theory & Practice
Leadership Development
Managing Securities Firms in China
Merger and Acquisition
Operations Management
Private Equity in Practice
Private Wealth Management
Real Estate Finance
Risk Management in Practice
Strategic Managerial Accounting
Structure Products Design and Analysis
The Art of Decision Science
Venture Capital & Private Equity
International Classroom

Each year, around 15% of the MF class consists of international students coming from a diverse range of countries including Canada, France, Germany, Iceland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, UK, and USA.

International Exchange

During the two years at SAIF MF, you will also have the opportunity to study abroad for a semester at one of our 16 partner schools all over the world.

Joint Degree Program

GREM – Global Real Estate Master
The first and only graduate-level business program designed to provide students with a specific set of skills and experiences that will prepare them to be a leader in global real estate.

Shanghai Charm

Pursuing a master degree in Shanghai will be a step in shaping your global career. Already one of the most rapidly growing “global cities” and home to operations of many of the world’s multinational companies and leading financial institutions, it is Shanghai’s goal to become the undisputed commercial, logistical, and financial hub for China and Asia. Shanghai is the ideal place to experience first-hand the power of cutting-edge ideas being put into practice, and to closely observe the challenges and opportunities that come with rapid growth and globalization. The almost endless choices of cultural and entertainment activities, combined with Shanghai’s unique sights and sounds will stimulate your senses and cultural curiosity. The city’s local and ethnic restaurants, chic bars, museums, theatres, and shopping areas offer students the added flavor to make the whole experience truly an unforgettable one.

Free Mandarin Courses

A structured mandarin program at SAIF provides international students an opportunity to learn Chinese pronunciation, characters, grammar as well as its culture. It is not required for graduation but learning Chinese itself will only enhance your SAIF, Shanghai and China experience. Enjoy this language opportunity and be benefit from the results!

Buddy Program

To encourage cross-cultural communication and help international students to adjust to life in China, the Buddy Program matches international students with local Chinese students. This program makes the transition to China easier and more rewarding with the expertise of your colleagues and Chinese friends!
Action Learning

Action learning is the cornerstone of the MF curriculum, encapsulating the students’ coursework in real-world, real-time projects supervised by faculty and top industry leaders. Moving leaps beyond the case-method, and diving deeper than internships, each program represents an opportunity to work hands-on at a strategic level with experts in the field while learning from their expertise and professionalism. By providing students with this platform for close and frequent interaction with business leaders, action learning is a conduit through which students may create lasting and significant relationships with their mentors.

SAIF LIVE

Each project in SAIF LIVE addresses a question of practical importance within the finance discipline. Students use what they have learned throughout their two-year program to analyze a real-time problem and provide thorough, practical, and in-depth solutions.


SAIF Consulting Co - MIT China Lab

SAIF Consulting Co is a cooperation with the MIT Sloan China Lab, connecting the brightest young scholars from around the world in an intensive real-world experience. Groups of students from MIT and SAIF work side-by-side on a consulting project for corporate clients, benefiting from the guidance of corporate mentors as well as faculty at both institutions. Teams will have the chance to work onsite, both in China and at MIT, showcasing a truly international learning opportunity. Project clients include: Shanghai McVoff, One Earth Designs, Chamago E-commerce, Orient Futures, Luminus Capital, and Manhattan Associates.

MF International Module

Students can’t see the world from a desk. MF International Module (MIM) is an opportunity for students to observe finance in action in an international context by moving the classroom to some of the most dynamic economies in the world. Each excursion embraces a particular theme, combining global financial practice with classroom concepts. Students explore this theme through project and team-based immersive learning. By meeting with global business leaders, visiting companies and participating in academic workshops, students grow and have the opportunity to view perspectives they would not have been able to encounter solely in the classroom.

Case Center

Selected students engage with faculty, practitioners and experts providing unique first-hand data to investigate key deals/events, financial activities, investment strategies, and economic policies. By applying their knowledge and experience to a specific case or investment vehicle, students demonstrate both a mastery of theoretical content and their ability to apply that knowledge in a practical project that is both rigorous academically and relevant to the industry. Cases are archived at the Case Center which disseminates content in both on-line and off-line channels for consumption by academia and industry professionals. Opportunities are also provided for companies who would like to engage in joint directed case research on their particular topic of choice.
Extended Learning and Student Activities (ELSA)

Extended Learning and Student Activities (ELSA) is committed to creating an exceptional living and learning environment for students and the greater SAIF community. We are dedicated to enhancing the growth of students to reach their full potential by providing rich learning opportunities through our programs, services, and facilities.

Coffee Hour
SAIF MF highly encourages and facilitates student-faculty interaction. All professors are very welcoming to student visits and appointments outside of office hours. The MF program also organizes monthly coffee hours with different professors to create a more interactive and casual environment.

Professionalism Development Series
Augment the MF student potential by teaching various forms of business etiquette: dining, interpersonal communication, business social etiquette, meeting etiquette and so on. It is specifically designed to help students polish their social skills and improve their professional image.

Social Responsibility Series
This series contributes to and strengthens the bond between academia and society. The aim of the social responsibility series is to broaden students’ view of the world and encourage students to reflect on their own responsibilities in society.

Second-Year Students’ ELSA Series
The importance of life experience and social skills cannot be over-emphasized for the students, especially after their graduation. This series aims to find relaxing, practical and interesting activities which highly involve the students and help them learn important life skills.

“ELSA is full of interest and well-targeted, its courses offer great help and support to us and are very meaningful supplements to the main courses. We are looking forward to learning more in the coming semesters.”

— By SAIF MF14 Students
The China Youth Leadership Finance Summit is an annual event entirely organized and carried out by SAIF MF students. It aims to build a platform for future business leaders to exchange their viewpoints on the latest issues surrounding China and Asia’s economic and financial development while deepening their understanding of financial research.

The 2015 summit had 161 undergraduates from 31 reputable universities from mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore. Over 200 reports on the summit were published by media outlets.
Industry Connections

SAIF’s diverse portfolio of industry connections and partnerships is an essential part of building SAIF MF’s core competency and serves as a unique resource that benefits our students in learning, development of soft skills and career guidance.

Our strategic industry partners participate and assist in the professional development of SAIF students through several initiatives.

MF Industry Advisory Board

The MF Industry Advisory Board (IAB) consists of senior executives from the best known international and Chinese-based companies from various industries with a concentration on the financial sector. MF IAB provides an opportunity for the business leaders to provide advice on the MF program’s strategy and operations, curriculum and to support the school and MF program in its quest for national/global impact and recognition.

“I am so proud of SAIF MF’s development and every progress. SAIF MF has trained a lot of professional students with solid skills for the financial industry under all the efforts made by SAIFers. The students brought in highly valued talents to firms and contributed their capabilities to financial world. My company, Haitong Securities also has more and more SAIF graduates, they are playing important roles in the company. Sincerely hope SAIF MF could keep on progressing to foster more financial talents for Shanghai’s establishment as the world’s future financial center.”

—— Mr. Hiroki Miyazato
Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Haitong Securities, LTD
Member of SAIF MF IAB

IAB members:
Mr. Jeffrey Chen — General Manager and a board member of Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc.
Mr. Xiaosheng Chen — Chief Strategy Officer, GM of Institutional Client Division of SWS Co. LTD
Mr. Hiroki Miyazato — Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Haitong Securities, LTD
Mr. Andrew Kuo — Founding Partner and CEO, ZOYI Capital
Mr. Xinjun Liang — Vice Chairman and CEO of Fosun Group
Mr. Lijun Lin — President of China Universal Asset Management
Mr. Xinyi Liu — CEO, Shanghai Guosheng Group
Mr. Victor Yan — Managing Director, Head of Market Risk and Basel Director China, Standard Chartered Bank

CFA Program Partner

The CFA Institute is the global, not-for-profit association of investment professionals that awards the CFA and CIPM designations. It promotes the highest ethical standards and offers a range of educational opportunities online and around the world.

As a CFA Program Partner, the SAIF MF program and CFA China have a mutually rewarding relationship which includes the following benefits for our students:

- Complimentary access to Financial News Brief, a daily investment newsletter, for students in the approved degree program ("Degree Program").
- Complimentary access to an online Level I sample exam for Degree Program students.
- A minimum of 5 to a maximum of 15 CFA Program scholarships each fiscal year.

SAIF Career Development Center recruits a board of experienced and highly capable mentors from the financial industry to provide guidance and advice to our students. The mentor program helps our students build life-long connections and expand their networks in the industry.

“We are impressed and very satisfied on our SAIF student’s diligence and efficiency. Our mentee is a quick learner, self-motivated, and has demonstrated strong motivation in learning knowledge/skill and adapting to our working environment. They have been efficient in project deliveries, as well as open-minded and an excellent team member.”

—— J.P. Morgan
Asia IB Risk
Facilities
SAIF provides every student exclusive access to world class facilities and cutting-edge technology.

Financial Trading Lab
Our financial trading lab, which was established in 2010, rivals those of other top business schools of the world. It is equipped with 40 trading terminals displaying real-time data from New York, London, Chicago, Shanghai and other major global financial centers. The terminals are equipped with universally used trading systems, such as Wind/Bloomberg/Factset/FTS, and can provide access for up to 80 individuals. The full-featured financial trading lab integrates simulated trading and academic research, allowing students to gain practical experience through hands-on learning. It is the most advanced lab of its kind in China. Financial database training courses taught in the lab enable students to master advanced quantitative and empirical methods and develop a fluency in financial data sources and analytical tools.

Campus Surroundings
SAIF is located at the heart of the Xuhui District, formerly a Catholic area and a site of several educational institutions, right in downtown Shanghai.

Student Profile
The following figures demonstrate the comprehensive profile of students from MF2009 to MF2014.

- **Total number of students:** 265
- **Total number of undergraduate schools:** 45
- **Ratio of male to female:** 54% to 46%
- **International students from 12 different universities in 8 countries:**
- **Undergraduate major distribution:**
  - Finance and Economics: 39%
  - Science and Engineering: 47%
  - Liberal arts and others: 14%
Where Have Students Gone

Placement Sub-Industries from 2011 to 2014

- Securities Firm: 18.8%
- Mutual Fund: 12.9%
- Commercial Bank: 10.8%
- Investment Bank: 7.5%
- Consulting Firm: 6.7%
- Policy Bank: 3.4%
- Asset Management Firm: 3.4%
- Financial Trading & Clearing: 2.7%
- Financial Regulation: 1.3%
- Insurance: 1.3%
- Venture Capital & Private Equity: 1.3%

Placement Functions from 2011 to 2014

- Investment Research: 25.9%
- Securities & Financial Research: 18.3%
- Risk Management: 16.4%
- Investment & Financial Analysis: 12.2%
- Consulting: 12.2%
- Product Design and Development: 4.4%
- Trading: 3.4%
- Audit: 3.4%
- Management Trainee: 2.0%
- Wealth Management: 0.7%
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SAIF Career Development Center is dedicated to providing students with professional career development mentoring, training students how to most effectively promote their professional skills and experience, helping graduates achieve their career goals and facilitating the building of close connections between graduates and employers.

The services the Career Development Center provides for students include:

- One on One Professional Skills Training
- Career Assessment
- Professional Mentor Program
- Summer Internship and Graduates Resume Book
- Career Workshops
- Internships
- Postings
- Company Visits
- On-Site Company Recruiting
- Networking Opportunities

Employers from 2011 to 2014 (Partial)

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The employment rate of SAIF MF students before graduation is **100%** every year.
SAIF has high academic standard for its students. Majoring in computer science really helped me a lot since I have taken mathematics and programming courses and many courses in SAIF have high demand for mathematics. Professor Ye’s Financial Econometrics is a good example. You are required to understand matrices well to derive formulas with use in Matlab to run regressions. We have a super star who was the No. 1 in the department of Physics at Peking University and classmates who often are found working diligently late in the evening. This past semester in SAIF one of the most challenging semesters of my student life, however it was by far the most rewarding.

Anne Huang
SAIF MF2014
Nationality: Chinese
Undergraduate: Peking University, Intelligence Science and Technology

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Winson Cao
SAIF MF2013
Nationality: Chinese
Undergraduate: Fudan University, Applied Mathematics

SAIF LIVE is the most valuable course I took at SAIF. We were encouraged to discover a wide range of fascinating topics taught by Professor Charles Chang along with other project leaders. The best part was that they were true leaders in the financial industry, each with a unique perspective and an individual interpretation of a particular field of financial practice. I joined the project led by Victor Yan, Managing Director at Standard Chartered Bank, who, together with Professor Chang, instructed us to develop profitable trading strategies in the real world. Our critical thinking and analytical skills were greatly improved thanks to their decades of experience in the global markets.

Matthias Keschka
SAIF MF2014
Nationality: German
Undergraduate: Mannheim University, Economics

I have been here at SAIF for seven months so far. Coming from Mannheim University which is the No.1 business school in Germany with a Bachelor Degree in Economics, I found the Master of Finance program at SAIF the most suitable for me to advance my educational and professional education with focus on China and Asia. It is a challenging program which is quite time consuming. It’s difficult to cope with everything individually. I try to have regular meetings with my very bright classmates in order to accomplish tasks utilizing the bright talents around me. So far I have learned a lot about finance, about China and people from different backgrounds, and how to be more effective. SAIF has also taught me how to prioritize my items and to make difficult compromises. I strongly believe that this MF program will excel me to new levels.

Voice of the Students

Tingwei Jin
SAIF MF2014
Nationality: Chinese
Undergraduate: Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Finance

Studying at SAIF has granted me great exposure to various branches of finance and economies in the real world in addition to theoretical knowledge. In SAIF, I am able to interact with faculty members from academic and industry backgrounds in the latest financial and economic events of China. The professors I communicate with have not only a strong background in their respective academic field, but also a deep understanding of the unique characteristics of China. The curriculum set by SAIF is rigorous and relevant to the modern financial skills required to succeed in today’s world. Courses of all levels are provided for students from different backgrounds. If you have the real passion for finance, you could always find what you need and what you want to prepare for your future career.
Tiger Zhang  
SAIF MF2013  
Nationality: Chinese  
Undergraduate: Wuhan University, Finance

One key step to outstanding academic performance at SAIF is to make effective use of all the resources available. SAIF is renowned for its distinguished faculty, and thus it is natural that we have the opportunity to learn a great deal from our professors. We are able to communicate freely with professors and which allows us to gain a better understanding of all the materials covered in class. SAIF has also purchased several Bloomberg terminals, providing both financial information and research papers for our use. You can utilize these sources when completing group projects, especially during the second semester. In the end, everything comes to the simple idea of the knowledge production function: positive, effective input, positive, effective output. As long as you put enough effort in studying, a rewarding result will follow.

Sarah Long  
SAIF MF2014  
Nationality: Chinese  
Undergraduate: Tsinghua University, Economics and Finance

I always wanted to start my own business. Studying in SAIF seemed like a perfect choice for me. SAIF is a diversified place where students are allowed to pursue their dreams and are supported by abundant resources. I experienced an open-minded environment where students from all over the world could share their ideas anytime and I have found good partners to work with in my class. Within such an environment, I now run a public wechat account ‘HowIMetMrRight’, which aims at helping people from top universities to make friends efficiently. Together with 4 classmates, we participated in the Hult Prize as a team and became the grand winner in the Asia Pacific region. Our next step is to raise money, launch our project in India and go to New York this fall competing for 1 million US$ prize. Being in SAIF makes me feel like getting closer to my dream every single day. I really appreciated the choice I made.

Cherry Zeng  
SAIF MF2013  
Nationality: Chinese  
Undergraduate: Xiamen University, Microelectronics

Nowadays, what current college students lack most is the ability to understand society and know their responsibility within it. If we look further ahead, regardless of whether or not we can become excellent experts or successful entrepreneurs, we must first learn to behave. Extended Learning and Student Activities (ELSA) builds such a great platform for us to both learn and practice these essential life skills. It not only offers useful classes like leadership training and interview coaching, but also allows us to partake in fun and engaging activities. ELSA allows us to design and manage while we execute and contribute. The most important item is that we are taught to be responsible for our SAIF family, and then the total social welfare. This is makes us, the future society, different.

Jonathan Hammond  
SAIF MF2014  
Nationality: Canadian  
Undergraduate: University of Toronto, Management

Upon my arrival in Shanghai I was greeted with open arms from the SAIF staff and my future colleagues. That was day 1, fast forward 6 months to today and I can’t begin to recount my life experiences at SAIF! From constant weekly ELSA activities ranging from hospitality speakers, corporate executives all the way to connoisseurs fine tuning our knowledge of wines preparing us for the classiest of business occasions. SAIF has been an experience as an international student that will be marked with unforgettable experiences. I have classmates who constantly are eager to welcome me into their daily Chinese lives. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have the most intelligent academic students from around China as my classmates who consistently challenge me to perform to my upmost potential.
How to Apply

Diversity is one of our desired characteristics. Apart from bringing in students from universities in China, we are keen on showing overseas students the uniqueness of our big family. The MF program welcomes all those who are interested in the finance industry and in coming to study in China.

International Applicants

Candidates from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan need to attend the National Exam in order to study at SAIF. However, we also offer the opportunity for you to come and experience the SAIF culture during Summer Camp. If you are interested in coming and seeing us in person, before you apply to attend Summer Camp, you are welcomed to contact us.

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Domestic Chinese Applicants

- Exam-exempted Undergraduates
SAIF MF program holds minicamps and Summer Camp during the year for all exam-exempted applicants. Everyone attending the minicamps will have the opportunity to be directly admitted to the program. Those who do not attend minicamp may still attend Summer Camp, the last chance to join the program through the exam-exempted channel. Each minicamp has its own application deadline while the application deadline for Summer Camp is May 31st each year. Please visit our website for details on each event.

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