

MFIN

Master of Finance
September 2025 Admission

HALIFAX ~ CANADA



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Sobey School
of Business

Saint Mary's University



Intense learning to accelerate your finance career

The Sobey School of Business Master of Finance (MFin) program is one of the oldest MFin Programs in Canada (since 2003) and one of the largest graduate programs at Saint Mary's University. It is a challenging, demanding and rigorous 12-month program in which you will gain the strategic financial skills that global employers demand. The Sobey MFin effectively prepares graduates for professional careers in financial analysis and advising, portfolio and risk management and corporate finance. Gain the insight needed to excel, and the global perspective, broad knowledge and honed skills to succeed as a leading financial professional. The Sobey MFin program is a crucial step in your future success.

- Complete your degree in just 12 months and get a head start on your career.
- Faculty include world-renowned scholars and academics including a university President Emeritus and a Canada Research Chair. Over 90% of MFin courses are taught by faculty with doctoral degrees.
- Launch or advance your career in the financial industry, corporate world or public sector organizations.
- Prepare for your Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)[®] exams. The fee to enroll in writing 1 CFA Exam (Level 1 or higher) is included in your tuition.

CFA[®] affiliate

The Sobey MFin program is recognized as a formal CFA affiliate.

AACSB & EQUIS accredited

A mark of quality, and a distinction achieved by only 1% of business schools worldwide.

Research focused faculty

MFin faculty, which includes a Canada Research Chair (CRC Tier II), are actively engaged in high-quality research.

PRME champions

The Sobey School is one of a select group of schools designated as PRME Champions in the Principles for Responsible Management Education initiative of the United Nations.

Admissions

Admission requirements

- An undergraduate degree in mathematics, accounting, finance, engineering, computer science, economics or other quantitative discipline from a recognized university with at least a B average (3.0 GPA) or equivalent.
- If your first language is not English, you must submit an official TOEFL iBT® or IELTS. Tests cannot be more than two years old.
- We require an overall IELTS score of 6.5 with no band below 6.0.
- If your IELTS score is 6.0 with no band below 5.5, the university recommends a private language school that delivers Pre-MFin language training. There is an additional charge for this extra training.
- You must provide a current CV and supplementary documents including references.
- You must be available for an in-person or virtual interview.

Award details

- Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents are offered a \$4,000 entrance award.
- Applicants who have successfully passed at least one CFA exam are offered a \$4,000 entrance award.
- A limited number of merit scholarships are offered to select students with the highest GPA in the program at the end of first two modules.
- A limited number of need-based bursaries are offered during the program.

Estimated program fees

Canadian students: **\$39,760**

International students: **\$49,650**

Estimated living expenses for 12 months:
\$20,000–\$25,000

Fees subject to change.

Application deadlines

April 1: International applicants

June 30: Canadians/permanent residents

Note: We strongly encourage early applications as we offer admission on a rolling basis.



Questions?

contact Sobey Graduate Programs Admissions
info.sobeygrad@smu.ca

Studying in Canada

As an international student, you are required to obtain a study permit issued by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) before you arrive in Canada. You may apply once you receive your official letter of acceptance from Saint Mary's University by email. Apply early for your permit as processing times can vary.

International students are permitted to work part-time (on- or off-campus) while studying in a full-time degree program. Additionally, international students may qualify for up to a three-year post-graduate work permit in Canada as part of the Canada Experience Class. The Saint Mary's University International Student Centre can assist you with the work permit process.



Questions?

visit smu.ca/international/welcome



Program details

Prepare yourself for the challenging world of finance. The Master of Finance (MFin) from the Sobey School of Business will help you become the sought-after job applicant that employers will compete to hire. Our 12-month intensive program is modular, so you'll create a strong foundation of knowledge and then build upon it in a structured, logical progression through the curriculum.

Program courses include:

- Investments
- Futures and Options
- Fixed Income Securities
- Applied Portfolio Management
- Financial Accounting
- Microeconomics and Business Strategy
- Financial Markets and Institutions Finance
- Risk Management
- Investment Banking
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Special Topics in Finance and Research Methodology

CFA® affiliation

The MFin Program is affiliated with the CFA® Institute, which offers a gold standard designation for finance professionals. The program curriculum covers a significant percentage of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK) as we prepare MFin students for the CFA designation. MFin Program includes registration for a CFA exam and a Prep Workshop.

Exceptional and accessible faculty

Our program's strength lies in the quality of our highly-respected and qualified faculty. Over 90% of MFin program faculty have doctoral degrees in their respective fields. In addition, our small class sizes and close-knit community mean you'll have direct access to your professors and benefit from their diverse and extensive knowledge.



“ I am forever grateful for being able to attain a Master of Finance degree at Saint Mary's University. The rigorous course load and challenging curriculum gave me a greater understanding of the finance discipline and financial markets. Most notably, the peers and mentors are what made it such a valuable experience personally and academically. ”

– Colin Marinelli MFin'17 CFA
Associate Investment Counsellor, BMO Private Wealth



Full service career office

The Sobey School of Business Graduate Career Services office will prepare you for your future career through various experiential learning opportunities including co-ops, internships, service learning, case competitions, designed to help you uncover your passion and purpose while developing skills in areas such as résumé writing, interview preparation and networking.

From day one, you will be supported by a dedicated team of professionals who will guide you to career opportunities through corporate tours, career fairs, employer information sessions and more.

One of the most valuable lessons you will learn as a Sobey MFin student is the importance of building and maintaining a professional network, which will generate a smooth transition from grad student to professional.

Expand your network through:

- events on- and off-campus
- case competitions
- corporate tours
- sector events

There are banks, financial services companies, corporations, government departments and more, hungry for your skills and perspectives. Our job is to help you discover a career where your passion and purpose intersect and then support you in making that career a reality.

Alumni employed at:

- Bank of China
- BDO
- BMO Capital Markets
- Butterfield Fund Services
- Citco Fund Services (Europe)
- CIBC Mellon
- Deloitte
- Emera
- EY
- Gem Health Care
- Government of Canada
- Government of Nova Scotia
- JP Morgan
- KPMG
- Loblaw's Canada (Operations)
- Manulife
- MUFG Investor Services
- Nova Scotia Power
- RBC
- Scotiabank
- Sun Life
- TD Canada





Sobey School of Business

Established in 1934 as the Faculty of Commerce at Saint Mary's University, the Sobey School of Business is Atlantic Canada's largest and most respected business school. Internationally respected, the Sobey School of Business holds both EQUIS and AACSB accreditation, an earned distinction held by only 1% of business schools worldwide. Here, you'll embark with over 2,200 students on a fast track to your future, with small class sizes, a close-knit campus and over 85 full-time faculty members.

With over 27 percent of undergraduate students and over 57 percent of graduate students originating from 75 different countries, the Sobey School of Business is widely admired as an institution that integrates and fosters global perspectives among its students and within the community. The Sobey School of Business, through active learning and the creation and mobilization of scholarships, prepares citizens of the world to lead entrepreneurial, sustainable businesses and communities.

- As a PRME (Principles of Responsible Management Education) Champion school, the Sobey School incorporates social and environmental responsibility into program curriculum and works to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.
- The Sobey School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). AACSB-accredited schools have the highest quality faculty, relevant and challenging curriculum, and provide educational and career opportunities that are not found at other business schools.
- Sobey School faculty members are nationally recognized business experts who are actively engaged with research that impacts local, regional and international communities.
- The Sobey School of Business has earned the prestigious EQUIS accreditation, held by less than two percent of business schools worldwide. This achievement validates our commitment to the highest quality standards plus our emphasis on ethics, social responsibility and internationalization.
- The BSIS designation confirms that the Sobey School's impact reaches far beyond its economic contribution and positively influences the business and cultural life of the region.

Saint Mary's University

Ideally located in the vibrant city of Halifax, Saint Mary's University is home to a diverse and inclusive community of over 6,500 faculty, staff and students, and boasts a global network of more than 55,000+ alumni. Founded in 1802, Saint Mary's is one of the oldest universities in Canada. We offer a unique experience, combining world-leading research with a close-knit community. Saint Mary's is known for its engaged faculty and students, entrepreneurial spirit and impactful research that reaches beyond campus walls and into the wider community. Our students, researchers and faculty share the desire to work towards a future that is inclusive, sustainable, diverse and resilient—a World without limits.

Graduate Studies and Research

Saint Mary's University is a dynamic research institution. Our Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) oversees 29 graduate programs (PhD, Master's, Diploma) in a stimulating intellectual community that spans all faculties, all joined in the pursuit of academic excellence through research.

About Halifax

Whether you're looking for vibrant city living with amazing culture, cuisine and nightlife or a more relaxed rural pace to find escape, Halifax is all about having the best of both worlds. Known the world over for its warm and welcoming people, Halifax is more than an all-access ocean playground: it's your key to a future filled with opportunity.



Flight times

MONTREAL - 1 hr 29 min

TORONTO - 2 hr 05 min

NEW YORK - 2 hr 41 min

BOSTON - 1 hr 19 min





“Taking the MFin program was a great opportunity for me to learn from top educators, prepare for the CFA level 1 exam and connect with people from around the world.”

— Grace Zheng MFin'19
Client Associate
CIBC Wood Gundy
CIBC Private Wealth



“The MFin program provided me with the quality education I needed to succeed. I felt like a member of a closely-knit community that included supportive faculty, a helpful graduate career services team and an excellent international student services program.”

— Samantha Watson-Crooks
MFIN'19
Director of Private Equity
Investor Operations
MUFG Investor Services



Student life

As a graduate student, you can get involved in several on- and off-campus activities as soon as you arrive in Halifax. The International Centre offers events throughout the year including ski trips, International Night, game nights, movie nights and Lunch n' Learns. In addition, there are over 40 active student societies on campus which students are invited to participate in such as Net Impact, Speak Up Society, MBA Society, Graduate Student Society and the Power to Change Society. Saint Mary's has a world-class fitness facility and a wide range of varsity and intramural sports. For more information and to learn about campus life visit: smu.ca/campus-life.

Graduate housing

For graduate students, and other eligible individuals, Saint Mary's University offers one and two-bedroom apartments. Housing is limited, so be sure to apply early. Additionally, the surrounding South End of Halifax offers student housing options in a vibrant urban setting. Here, you'll be close to campus, green spaces and great local life.



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