

A NOTE FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR



It is with great pleasure that we send out the first of many future MFE newsletters. Our aim is to connect all of you, our valued stakeholders, with current program activities.

Six years ago an idea formed to launch a professional graduate program which would develop a new breed of financial professionals with the analytical and quantitative skills to pursue successful careers in finance. The goal of the Western MFE was to provide students with interdisciplinary training and an integrated set of skills distinguishably different from all other existing programs.

Today, I am proud to reflect on the hard work which has brought us to the doorstep of welcoming our fourth cohort in Fall 2016. These students come to us because of the particular features of this program and because it promises to set them on the right track for future careers in the financial industry.

Each and every one of you has played a part in this success: as a student in our program/classrooms, as an employer who believes in our students and has extended employment opportunities, as a donor providing financial support and recognition to our students, as a guest speaker imparting your professional expertise to our students through seminars, as a faculty member delivering outstanding classroom experience and learning opportunities, or as a trusted member of our advisory board providing invaluable guidance.

We thank you for your time, energy, and commitment to Western MFE. Together let us advance the MFE Program, but let's pause, reflect and celebrate our successes together.

Looking forward #purpleandproud
Lars Stentoft, MFE Program Director

In Memoriam



On January 21, 2016, we lost a valued member of our team, John Knight. Professor of Economics at Western since 1987, John was a strong influence in creating the MFE and was MFE Co-Director (2014 -2016). He will be fondly remembered for his teaching passion and unwavering commitment to his students.



NEW! Mentor Program

Class of 2017 onboarding coincides with the launch of our new Mentor Program. Beginning this Fall, incoming students will be matched with a current student or alum. If you are an MFE alum and would like to stay connected through the student experience, we invite you to [contact us](#).

PROGRAM EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Alumni Cocktail Reception

For MFE alumni & advisory board members
Reds Wine Tavern, 77 Adelaide St. Toronto
Thursday, June 9th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
[Register today!](#)

Class of 2015 Convocation

Tuesday, June 14th morning ceremony

Western University Homecoming Weekend

For MFE alumni, students, donors, board members
Friday, September 30th @ 6:00 p.m.
Faculty of Social Science Dean's Reception
@ The Ceeps 671 Richmond St.

Saturday, October 1st @ 12:00 p.m.

MFE Homecoming Event
Stay tuned for more details!

Professional Networking Event

MFE students, finance professionals & alumni
Ivey Tangerine Leadership Centre, Toronto
Friday, October 21st 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Our 2015 networking event was a resounding success with 50+ finance professionals meeting our students and alumni.

Please contact Kara to receive more information on the 2016 event!
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SUMMER 2016 INTERNSHIPS

Perhaps the most buzz in our program circulates around summer internship placements. Here is a sampling of where our students are spending their summers:

Financial Markets, Bank of Canada	Strategy & Risk Investments, OTPP
Total Portfolio Management, CPPIB	Emerging Markets, PSP Investments
Compliance, Manulife	Universal Life & Wealth, RBC Insurance
Sales & Trading, Scotiabank	Enterprise & Risk Management, Scotiabank
Equity Research, Highstreet Asset Management	



Interested in learning more about how MFE students can add value to your team? We would be happy to speak with you!

ADMISSIONS UPDATE

Fall 2016 will mark our fourth intake of students. We couldn't be more excited to be welcoming 25 exceptional individuals to the Class of 2017!

By The Numbers	
313 applications for 25 seats	
83 admission interviews	
Results = 25 exceptional students!	
Class of 2017 Profile	
Female 56%	Top undergraduate programs in Canada, USA, Australia & China
Male 44%	
Language diversity:	Undergraduate degrees:
French	Actuarial Science
Mandarin	Business
Cantonese	Economics
Spanish	Finance
Taiwanese	Law
German	Mathematics
Swahili	Statistics
Greek	Financial
Belizean Creole	Economics/Engineering

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

As of August 2016, Western MFE will have a new addition to the program. The Professional Development Series will encompass career related workshops and professional speakers who will present a variety of topics. In addition to industry knowledge and skills, graduate students need to be aware of professional requirements regarding ethics, behavioural standards, team culture, career options, networking manners, and emotional intelligence. With the introduction of this series, MFE students will be better prepared for the demands of the professional workforce.

Linda Jack, MFE Counsellor and Career Practitioner, joined the MFE team in Fall 2015 to provide career and employment coaching on an individual and group basis in areas related to career/professional development.

Drawing on 20 years of career counselling experience, in 2016/17 Linda will focus on executing the Professional Development Series.

Students and alumni with questions on careers in finance, job search, resumes, interviewing, and networking are encouraged to contact Linda.



ROTMAN INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMPETITION

In February 2016, the RITC brought student teams from around the world together for a weekend of high-intensity, case-based competition. Our six member Western MFE team brought varied backgrounds and skills to each case. The RITC was a valuable way to build teamwork skills, perform under pressure and learn applied skills in our field. Because of our cohesion as a team, and great communication skills, we won one round of the Quantitative Outcry Case and two Social Media Cases. RITC was a truly valuable experience for every member selected to attend. In addition to the quantitative, teamwork and coding learned, there were great networking opportunities with employers and fellow students. We look forward to mentoring next year's RITC team in order for them to continue Western's great performance!

On behalf of the 2016 RITC team,
Craig Logan, MFE1 student

The popular elective **Cash Flow Analysis & Investments**, taught by John Tsagarelis (LL.B, MBA, CFA, Senior Analyst, Research, Highstreet Asset Management), is returning in Fall 2016! In this course, John exposes students to the theories and processes supporting classical investment decisions and introduces them to a series of battle-tested techniques drawing on more than 15 years' experience managing portfolios using both fundamental and quantitative analysis.

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