Both of our programs, the undergraduate certificate in finance (UCF) and Master in Finance (MFIN), did well during the 2021/22 academic year. Students and faculty enjoyed resuming in-person classes for both semesters.

While volatile in recent years, the number of UCF students is rising after a Covid decline. In the Class of 2022, 79 undergraduate students received the certificate, an increase from 48 UCF students in the Class of 2021. Furthermore, for the Class of 2023, we are pleased to have 129 students enrolled, 50 (39%) of whom are female.

As the university introduces minor programs and phases out certificate programs, we are preparing to switch our finance certificate program. However, we do not foresee great difficulties or challenges as our UCF program already satisfies the university criteria for a minor program.

Our MFIN program continues to be one of the top programs in the world. Part of what makes our program so unique is our commitment to supporting our students in their post-graduate career placement. Lindsay Bracken, Manager of Career Development and External Relations for the Center, plays a key role in this effort. She successfully placed all 20 (12 female, eight male) of our graduating students in job opportunities.

We continued our weekly webinar series, which significantly enhanced the visibility of Princeton’s BCF. After Covid, we broadened the themes with webinars focused on inflation, the implications of Russian sanctions, energy, and digital money/fintech. I try to provide a “platform of ideas” where new concepts are presented, which shapes policymakers’ thinking. To date, we have hosted over 100 webinars since the pandemic’s start.

In May of 2022, the Center celebrated the graduation of our 20th MFIN class. BCF hosted a reunion event with alumni, many of whom returned to celebrate this occasion with us. A Fireside chat with Sharmin Mossavar-Rahmani ‘80 kicked off the celebration. The conversation covered key trends in finance.

Improving our outreach to the Center’s alumni base and the public continues to be a priority for us. We implemented several structural changes to make our communication strategy, including social media, more effective. While our programs are thriving, we know that our students may face new challenges as time goes by. Supporting our students, no matter what course the year takes, means remaining agile, adaptive, and committed.

At BCF, we continue to emphasize the “Princeton Difference” of using a scientific approach to serve our global society and are very grateful for your ongoing support.

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EMERITUS FACULTY

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VISITING FACULTY

During the academic year the Bendheim Center for Finance welcomed the following visiting faculty:

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BATCHIMEG SAMBALAIBAT Batchimeg Sambalaibat joined BCF as a research scholar and lecturer in 2020. She obtained a PhD in Economics from Carnegie Mellon University, Tepper School of Business. Prior to joining Princeton University, she was an Assistant Professor of Finance at Indiana University, Kelley School of Business. Her area of research is market microstructure with a focus on over-the-counter financial markets (e.g., the markets for government bonds, corporate bonds, and derivatives). Her latest research develops a mathematical model that explains trading networks between broker-dealer institutions.
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BCF IN THE NEWS

• BCF Director, Markus Brunnermeier gives Lecture at 2022 Green Swan Conference.

• Princeton Bendheim Center for Finance quantitative Master in Finance degree ranked #1 in the world by Risk.net.


• BCF Director Markus Brunnermeier awarded the 2021 German Business Book Prize for his book “The Resilient Society.”

• BCF Professor Jiangqing Fan wins a Faculty Research Award for his “research and impressive mentorship of doctoral students within the fields of High Dimensional Statistics and Machine Learning,” by Two Sigma.

• BCF Professor and ORFE Chair Ronnie Sircar named the Eugene Higgins Professor of Operations Research and Financial Engineering.

• Ph.D. Candidate Simon Schmickler awarded inaugural Ben Bernanke Prize.

• Quantnet Ranking - The 2022 QuantNet ranking of Financial Engineering, Quantitative Finance masters programs in the US.
TWENTY YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The Bendheim Center for Finance marked the 20th anniversary of its top-ranked Master in Finance program on Friday, May 20, 2022, during Reunions.

Bendheim Center for Finance Director Markus Brunnermeier hosted Princeton Economics Alum Sharmin Mossavar-Rahmani ’80 for a fireside chat as part of the Master in Finance 20th Anniversary celebration. This talk covered key trends in finance.

Ms. Mossavar-Rahmani is head of the Investment Strategy Group and Chief Investment Officer for the Consumer and Investment Management Division at Goldman Sachs. In addition, she, and her husband, Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani, a member of the class of ’74, established the Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies at Princeton University to provide a comprehensive interdisciplinary approach to understanding Iran and the Persian Gulf.

Faculty, staff, and invited guests – including several BCF alumni – gathered at the original location of the Bendheim Center for a celebratory reception. Bendheim Center for Finance Director Markus Brunnermeier provided remarks.

In the lead-up to the 20th anniversary, the Center honored and acknowledged each of the graduating classes from 2002 to 2022.

The Bendheim Center for Finance honors its proud legacy and gratefully acknowledges founder Ben Bernanke, as well as Founding Director Yacine Ait-Sahalia, Professor Rene Carmona, our current Director Markus Brunnermeier, and all faculty, staff, and students who have been a part of the Center over the years.
In 1999, the Bendheim Center for Finance began offering an Undergraduate Certificate in Finance (UCF) to Princeton undergraduates. Now in its 22nd year, the UCF continues to do extremely well. Currently, we have 123 enrolled from the class of 2023 and will enroll 78 juniors from the class of 2024. This will bring our total number of undergraduate students in the program (juniors and seniors) to 201 for the academic year, despite our grade-based admission cap. UCF students are drawn to the program from a wide variety of departments, including Economics, Operations Research and Financial Engineering, History, and Computer Science, to name a few.

CLASS OF 2022
Total number of certificates awarded to the class of 2022: 79 (including 22 women, or 28 percent)

TRACKS
- Corporate Finance
- Derivatives Pricing and Risk Management
- Investment Management
- Information Technologies for Finance
- Behavioral Finance
- Finance and Public Policy
- Mathematical Finance

DEPARTMENTAL PRIZES
UCF students continue to be high achievers among the Princeton population and receive a high proportion of the prizes awarded by their respective departments. This year, of the 79 seniors, five received departmental prizes, five were elected to Pi Beta Kappa Society, 17 were elected to membership in Sigma XI, and three were elected to membership in the Tau Beta Pi National Engineering Society. Additionally, 9 UCF juniors received the Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence and 47 UCF students received academic honors (21 Cum Laude, 16 Magna Cum Laude, and 10 Summa Cum Laude).

The Bendheim Center for Finance Birch Family Prizes was awarded to Bingjian Li, MAT Major.

The Kathleen Traynor ’83 Prize was awarded to Michelle Woo, COS Major.
MASTER IN FINANCE

The distinctive feature of our interdisciplinary Master in Finance program is its strong emphasis on financial and monetary economics, relying on analytical and computational methods. Graduates of our program have a solid understanding of the fundamental quantitative tools of economic theory, probability, statistics, optimization, computer science, and machine learning, all of which are becoming increasingly vital in the financial industry. There now exists a body of knowledge that is widely agreed to be essential for the proper analysis and management of financial securities, portfolios, and the financial decisions of firms. A driving force behind these developments is an exchange of ideas between academia and the financial industry, a collaboration that is the closest parallel in the social sciences to the academic-private sector interactions routinely seen in engineering and the applied sciences. The Master in Finance program prepares students for a wide spectrum of careers in the financial industry, ranging from quantitative trading strategies, risk management, and financial engineering, to quantitative asset management and macroeconomic and financial forecasting.

MFIN COURSE TRACKS

Elective courses can be chosen according to either individual needs and preferences, or to conform to one of the suggested tracks, listed below.

- Quantitative Asset Management
- Data Science and Financial Technologies
- Valuation and Macroeconomic Analysis

MFIN PLACEMENT

The Bendheim Center for Finance provides extensive career assistance to students, including help with internships and job placement. Our program continues to enjoy excellent success with 100 percent of our 2022 graduates being placed in finance industry jobs and 100 percent internship placement.

CAREERS UPON GRADUATION

MFIN students who graduated in 2022 started their careers at Bank of America; Barclays; Capula Investment Management; Citigroup (2); Credit Suisse; Ergoteles Capital; Foresight Fund; GIC; Goldman Sachs; IMC Trading (2); J.P. Morgan; L.E.K Consulting; Monetary Authority of Singapore (2); Morgan Stanley; Pimco; Rokos Capital Management; UBS

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

Class of 2023 students had summer internships at AllianceBernstein; AQR (3); Arrowstreet Capital; Balyasny Asset Management; Bank of America; Barclays; BNP Paribas (2); Capula Investment Management; China Southern Asset Management; Citadel; Citigroup; Credit Suisse; DRW; Ergoteles Capital; Fidelity; HedgeTech LLC; IMC Trading (2); Morgan Stanley; PanAgora Asset Management; Princeton University; Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation; Two Sigma; UBS
PH.D. STUDENTS
Ph.D. students in the Bendheim Center for Finance are admitted through the Department of Economics, the Department of Operations Research and Financial Engineering, or the Program in Applied and Computational Mathematics. Five students with finance interests received their Ph.D. in 2022.

LUNYANG HUANG
Essays on Interest Rates, Exchange Rates and Flight to Safety
Advisor: Markus Brunnermeier
Joined Two Sigma Investment

THOMAS KROEN
Essays on Firm Responses to Prudential Regulation and Monetary Policy
Advisor: Atif Mian
Joined IMF

SIMON SCHMICKLER
Essays on Institutional Trading and Liquidity
Innagural recipient of the Ben Bernanke Prize
Advisor: Motohiro Yogo
Joined Jame Street

KECY WU
Essays in Entrepreneurship: Overcoming Financing Constraints
Advisor: Nobohiro Kiyotaki
Joined Amazon

HAIYU YU
Essays on Institutional Ownership and Liquidity in the Corporate Bond Market
Advisor: Motohiro Yogo
Joined Two Sigma Investments
2021-2022 PRINCETON LECTURES IN FINANCE

Each year, the Bendheim Center invites a leading figure in the field of finance to deliver a set of lectures. This year Amit Seru from Stanford University virtually presented on The Rise of Fintech Intermediaries.

2021-2022 MARKUS’ ACADEMY

Princeton Bendheim Center for Finance Director Markus Brunnermeier hosts a conversation with an acclaimed academic or thought leader on critical issues facing the global economy. Event may be hosted from Princeton but it is available worldwide to watch live on zoom or via the Center’s YouTube channel. The 2021-2022 list of speakers included:

- Viral Acharya on COVID lessons from India for other emerging economies
- Charles Evans on Experience with Monetary Policy in a Low r* World
- Barry Eichengreen on In Defense of Public Debt
- Edward Glaeser on Survival of the City
- Markus Brunnermeier on Finance, Money and Climate Change
- Lawrence H. Summers on Rethinking Multilateralism
- Lord Mervyn King on Central Banking
- Paul Krugman and Larry Summers on Inflation Debate Part 2
- Motohiro Yogo on Financial Inclusion in the US
- Ricardo Reis on Inflation Risks
- Yuriy Gorodnichenko on Inflation Expectations
- Sergei Guriev on The Implications of Sanctions on the Russian Economy
- Alexi Savov & Itamar Drechsler on Investing in a High Inflation Environment
- James Hamilton on Sanctions, Energy Prices and the Global Economy
- Arvind Krishnamurthy on QE; What have we learned?
- David Baqaee & Ben Moll on What if Germany is cut off from Russian oil and gas?
- Elina Ribakova on Russia Sanctions on Diving into Details
- Pres. James Bullard on The US Economy and Monetary Policy
- Leonard Wantchekon on Externalities of Colonial Schools in Africa
- Chang-Tai Hsieh on Two Strong Hands on China’s Vision for the Private Sector
- Sylvain Chassang on Strategic Energy Purchases on Keeping Oil Prices
- Jonathan Payne on Platforms, Tokens, Defi and Smart CBDC
- Leah Boustan on Streets of Gold on America’s Untold Story of Immigrant Success
- Oleg Itskhoki on Sanctions and Exchange Rate
- Hyun Song Shin on After the Crypto Crash on The Future Role of CBDC
CIVITAS FOUNDATION FINANCE SEMINAR

Each week, Bendheim Center for Finance organizes a seminar in which academic experts are invited to present their latest research to the faculty and graduate students of the center. Our 2021-2022 Speakers included:

Fall 2021

- Emily Breza, Assistant Professor, Economics Harvard University on “Changes in Social Network Structure in Response to Exposure to Formal Credit Markets”
- Simon Schmickler, PhD Candidate, Princeton University on “How to Increase the Liquidity and Stability of Financial Markets”
- Thomas Kroen, PhD Candidate, Princeton University on “Payout Restrictions and Bank Risk-Shifting”
- Carlos Burga, PhD Candidate, Princeton University on “Bank Competition and Economic Development: Evidence from Peru”
- Faizaan Kisat, PhD Candidate, Princeton University on “Algorithms and Credit Outcomes”
- Valentin Haddad, Assistant Professor of Finance, UCLA on “How Competitive is the Stock Market? Theory, Evidence from Portfolios and Implications for the Rise of the Passive Investing”
- Matteo Benetton, Assistant Professor of Finance, UC Berkeley: HAAS Business on “Mortgage Pricing and Monetary Policy”
- David Schreindorfer, Assistant Professor, ASU: W.P. Carey Business on “Volatility and the Pricing Kernel”
- Daniel Greenwald, Assistant Professor of Finance, MIT: Sloan on “The Credit Line Channel”
- Benjamin Roth, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business

Spring 2022

- Vikrant Vig, Henry D. Bullock Professor in Finance, Northwestern on “Decomposing Fire Sale Discounts”
- Sabrina Howell, Assistant Professor of Finance, NYU Stern School of Business on “Automation in Small Business Lending can Reduce Racial Disparities: Evidence from the Paycheck Protection Program”
- Hanno Lustig, The Mizuho Financial Group Professor of Finance, Stanford Graduate School of Business on “Financial and Total Wealth Inequality with Declining Interest Rates”
- Zhengyang Jiang, Assistant Professor of Finance, Northwestern on “Dollar Safety and the Global Financial Cycle”
- Yu Thanh Chau, IMF Economist on “International Portfolio Investments with Trade Networks”
- Andreas Schaab, Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Columbia Business School on “Welfare Assessments with Heterogeneous Individuals”
- Yueran Ma, Assistant Professor of Finance and Liew Family Junior Faculty Fellow, Chicago Booth on “100 Years of Rising Corporate Concentration”
- Dacheng Xiu, Assistant Professor of Finance; Uchicago: Booth Business, “The Statistical Limit of Arbitrage”
- Claudia Robles-Garcia, Assistant Professor of Finance, Stanford GSB on “Competition and Scope in Banking: The Case of Small Business Lending”
- John Mondragon, Research Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco on “Housing Demand and Remote Work”
- Jesse Schreger, Class of 1967 Associate Professor of Business at Columbia: Business on “Internationalizing Like China”
FINANCE PH.D. STUDENT WORKSHOPS

Each week, the Bendheim Center for Finance organizes a seminar for its Ph.D. students and faculty in which preliminary research ideas are presented internally. Our 2021-2022 speakers included:

Fall 2021
- Riccardo Coffi on Wealth inequality, portfolio choice, and aggregate risk in asset returns
- Ziang Li on Deposit Market Power and Bank Risk Taking” (joint with Jihong Song)
- Shumiao Ouyang on Cashless Payment and Financial Inclusion
- Mu Zhang on A Theory of Choice Bracketing under Risk
- Simon Schmickler on How to Improve the Liquidity and Stability of Modern Electronic Financial Markets?
- Georgios Nikoladoudis on “Heterogeneous Deleveraging”
- Raul Rosales on “Consumption, Default and Debt Renegotiation during Forbearance: Evidence from Administrative Micro Data during the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Spring 2022
- Stephan Luck, Federal Reserve Bank of NY on “Financial Intermediation Function”
- Haonan Zhou on “International Pecking Order” (with Egeman Eren and Semyon Malamud)
- Shumiao Ouyang on “The Liquidity Premium of Digital Currency” (with Cameron Peng)
- Derek Wenning on “The Anatomy of Spatial Expansion: Evidence from Banks (with Ezra Oberfield, Esteban Rossi-Hansberg, and Nicholas Trachter)
- Jordan Richmond on “Firm Responses to Book Income Alternative Minimum Taxes”
- Lunyang Huang on “Bank’s refinancing risks and the dynamics of short-interest-rate “
- Ernest Liu on “Innovation Networks and Innovation Policy,” joint with Song Ma from Yale SOM
- Lintong Li on “Financing Constraint, Irreversibility Constraint and Production Heterogeneity “
- Haiyu Yu on “Investor Concentration, Liquidity and Bond Price Dynamics”
- Jihong Song on “Smart-Beta Institutional Ownership and Stock Return Predictability“
- Yucheng Yang on “Redistributive Inflation and Optimal Monetary Policy “
MFFIN CAREER SPEAKER SERIES

A number of guest speakers from a variety of areas of finance visited the Bendheim Center in 2021-2022 to address Master in Finance, undergraduate, and Ph.D. students.

- PwC Insurance Structured Products Group Presentation
- Capula Investment Virtual Information Session
- Citi Financial Strategy and Solutions Group
- BNP Paribas Information Session
- AQR Capital Management Information Session
- JC de Swaan – Ethics in Finance
- Squarepoint Capital Presentation
- Citadel Information Session, DRW Information Session, Dr. Dario Villani '02, Duality Group, William C. Dudley, Cubist Information Session
- AQR Capital Management Information Session
- Balyasny Information Session
- Dennis Walsh, Goldman Sachs Asset Management
- Matthew Rothman, Millennium Management
- Asiff Hirji – DeFi and How Blockchain Will Transform Financial Services

SPECIAL LECTURES AND CENTER EVENTS

The Center hosts and sponsors several guest lectures and special events throughout the year

- 12th annual Princeton Fintech and Quant Conference
- 11th annual Princeton Initiative: Macro, Money and Finance
RESEARCH INITIATIVES

The Center engages in several research related initiatives.

PRINCETON INITIATIVE: MACRO, MONEY AND FINANCE

Following the Princeton Tradition of incorporating financial frictions in macroeconomic models, the Princeton Initiative Camp brings together top 2nd year Ph.D. students from various Universities who wish to write a Ph.D. thesis at the intersection between macroeconomics, monetary economics, and finance. The recent experience starting with the run-up of imbalances and bubbles in the first decade of the 21st century, followed by a severe financial crisis that ultimately led to the Great Recession, calls for new frameworks to study macro-prudential policy tools and to design a new international financial architecture. The aim of this meeting is to bridge the gap between modern finance, monetary, and macroeconomics and expose the best students from across the country to macroeconomic models with financial frictions and/or non-standard expectations. Yuliy Sannikov and Markus Brunnermeier lead this effort. BCF is grateful for the generous support of the SLOAN Foundation for the first four years of our camp.

BCF CHINA INITIATIVE

The Princeton–BCF China initiative aims to develop an interface for facilitating collaborative research and academic exchanges between faculty and students in Princeton and China. This initiative serves the quickly growing demands from academic and policy communities across the world to systematically study the Chinese economy and its financial system and the risks and opportunities it presents to the global economy. Despite having the 2nd largest economy in the world, China has a very different institutional structure from most western countries. Princeton economists can substantially benefit from interacting with local scholars and researchers in China, who tend to have better institutional knowledge about the Chinese economy and better access to Chinese economic data. At the same time, local academics can also learn from Princeton economists, who tend to have a better understanding of fundamental economic concepts and a more rigorous training in the methods of modern western economic analysis. The initiative tries to bridge these gaps and provide an intellectual interface between researchers in China and top academics at Princeton. It also aims to provide a platform for both graduate and undergraduate students at Princeton to visit and study China. BCF is also supporting the new webpage www.VoxChina.org. The Princeton–BCF China initiative will be coordinated by Wei Xiong, the Hugh Leander and Mary Trumbull-Adams Professor in Finance and Professor of Economics, together with the director of BCF.

FINANCIAL INSURANCE WORKSHOP

The purpose of the workshop is to teach Ph.D. students about research at the intersection of insurance and financial economics. Topics include risks in the insurance sector, pricing of insurance liabilities, reinsurance, and asset management. It is taught by BCF faculty Motohiro Yogo and Ralph Koijen of Booth School of Business. The third annual workshop was held June 15-16 virtually due to the pandemic. Over 100 Ph.D. students from around the world participated. The previous two workshops were held on Princeton’s campus on June 8–9, 2019, and June 7–8, 2020. The initial two years were financially supported by an NSF grant and the BCF.
2021-2022 ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council for the Bendheim Center is comprised of distinguished leaders in the financial industry.

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CORPORATE AFFILIATES PROGRAM

The Corporate Affiliates Program offers companies an opportunity to build a significant relationship with the Center. Corporate affiliates gain a strong presence and visibility, interact with faculty and students, learn about important faculty research, and secure a competitive recruiting advantage.

2021-2022 Affiliates

- Alpine Investors
- AQR Capital Management
- Arrowstreet Capital
- Capula Investment Management
- Citadel Investment Group
- Cubist Systemic Strategies
- Ergoteles Capital
- IMC Trading
- Goldman Sachs
- RADAN LLC
- Stevens Capital Management
- Square Point Capital
GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

Early in 1998, a $10 million gift from the Leon Lowenstein Foundation enabled Princeton to launch the Bendheim Center for Finance. To establish the University as a national resource for innovative thinking on finance and finance-related topics, the Center brings together leading experts in teaching and scholarship. Significant support beyond the generous Bendheim gift is needed for faculty, visitors, and curriculum development, in order to realize this vision, therefore in 2015 the University initiated a $6 million campaign in an effort to support true excellence in financial economics which requires a critical mass of finance researchers, approaching the size of a finance department in a leading business school, as well as important educational initiatives in a state-of-the-art setting. The campaign seeks support in the following areas:

ACADEMIC PERSONNEL
Endowed Visiting Professorship
To support a distinguished senior visitor who provides expertise in a particular area of study
$2,000,000

FELLOWSHIPS
Graduate Fellowships
To support a new generation of scholars concentrating in finance
$500,000

FINANCIAL RESEARCH AND TEACHING
Research and Course Development Funds
Endowed funds to support research and course development
$100,000 minimum

China Initiative
Term support to foster better links between Asia and Princeton in finance research
$250,000 annually
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