

BUSINESS | INDUSTRY GUIDE

Overview

There are many career paths within business for UChicago students! Business careers require soft skills, including effective communication, leadership, collaboration, adaptability, and drive.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Get started with these resources and stay up-to-date on business events and internships!

- **Sign up for the Careers in Business SharePoint site** for access to career exploration and recruiting readiness resources.
- **Sign up for the Careers in Business newsletter** to get regular updates on opportunities in your area of interest.
- **Get personalized support** from a **Careers in Business adviser**, who bring strong experience across all business pathways!
- **Utilize the Practice Interview Program** to sign up for a behavioral or technical practice interview (Finance and Consulting) and receive live, in-depth feedback to ensure you are portraying the strongest narrative of your story.
- **Join a business competition to engage in real-world business scenarios with your peers.**
- **Take classes** to build expertise in topics connected to your business interests – this could include up to 5 business classes at the Booth School of Business such as BUSN 3000 Financial Accounting or BUSN 38002 Managerial Decision Making.
 - UChicago's September Term **ECON 15030 Basics of Corporate, Banking and Investment Finance** is a great opportunity for rising 2nd year students.
- **To subscribe to Career Advancement's events calendar, copy this calendar feed URL and add to your calendar app**

Investment Banking and Private Equity

These fields focus on analyzing companies, markets, and capital structures to inform high-stakes financial decisions. Professionals use modeling and strategic judgment to advise on transactions and invest in businesses to drive growth and value.

Types of roles include:

- Sell-Side Analyst
- Buy-Side Analyst
- Equity Researcher

Employers include:

- Goldman Sachs
- Lazard
- Blackstone

- **Apply for the UChicago Private Markets Program**, which provides students exposure to private investing strategies and skills.
- Participate in an investment competition such as the **Stock Pitch Competition** or the **APAC Healthcare Investment Competition!**

Sales and Trading

This field centers on buying and selling financial instruments while managing risk and real-time market movements. The roles combine market analysis, client insight, and quantitative tools to execute trades, provide liquidity, and generate returns.

Types of roles include:

- Sales Trader
- Trader
- Operations / Trade Support

Employers include:

- Morgan Stanley
- Citadel
- DRW Trading Group

- **Register for the Sales and Trading specialized track** which provides targeted recruiting readiness workshops and programming!
- **Apply for the AI in Finance Program** to learn how to leverage AI to automate portfolio management and hedging.

Quantitative Finance

Quant roles apply mathematics, statistics, and computer science to analyze markets and design data-driven trading and investment strategies. Professionals use quantitative models and large datasets to automate trading and manage risk.

Types of roles include:

- Quantitative Trader
- Software Engineer
- Quantitative Researcher

Employers include:

- Jane Street
- AQR Capital
- Optiver

- **Apply for the Financial Markets Program** for skill-building and networking opportunities focused on quantitative finance roles.
- **Apply to participate in the UChicago Trading Competition**, the nation's preeminent quant trading competition!
- **Apply for the Citadel Women's Datathon** to tackle data science challenges and receive networking opportunities with Citadel.

Restructuring Finance

This field focuses on analyzing distressed companies and redesigning capital and organizations structures to restore financial stability. Professionals combine financial analysis, legal insight, and strategic judgment to guide turnarounds.

Types of roles include:

- Restructuring IB Analyst
- Restructuring Adviser / Consultant

Employers include:

- PJT
- Houlihan Lokey
- FTI Consulting

- **Apply for the Restructuring Finance Program** to gain restructuring technical skills, networking opportunities, and mentorship.
- Apply to represent UChicago at the **American Bankruptcy Institute Corporate Restructuring Competition in NYC!**

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Real Estate

This field involves analyzing properties and markets to identify, acquire, and manage assets that generate income and long-term value. Professionals use financial modeling, market research, and operational insight to drive returns across real estate portfolios.

Types of roles include:

- Acquisitions Analyst
- Asset Management Analyst
- Underwriting Analyst

Employers include:

- JLL
- CBRE Group
- Brookfield Asset Mgmt

- **Register for the Real Estate specialized track** which provides targeted recruiting readiness workshops and programming!
- **Apply for a finance career trek** to meet employers and learn about real estate opportunities. Upcoming treks in NYC, Milan, etc.!

Consulting

Consulting focuses on helping organizations solve complex business problems and improve performance. Professionals use data analysis, industry research, and strategic thinking to deliver insights and recommendations across industries and functions.

Types of roles include:

- Strategy Consultant
- Management Consultant
- Economic Consultant

Employers include:

- McKinsey
- Deloitte
- Analysis Group

- **Attend the Consulting Symposium** on May 1 for exclusive networking and employer engagement events ahead of recruiting.
- **Apply for a consulting career trek** to meet consulting firms and network ahead of recruiting. Upcoming trek to NYC!

Digital Assets and Fintech

These industries focus on leveraging technology to transform financial services and manage digital assets. Professionals combine blockchain, data analysis, and financial expertise to build innovative products and drive innovation in finance.

Types of roles include:

- Crypto Trader
- Blockchain Engineer
- Product Manager

Employers include:

- Coinbase
- Brevan Howard
- Stripe

- **Apply for the Digital Assets Program** to engage with industry experts and learn about blockchain technology fundamentals.
- **Compete in the Digital Assets Trading Competition** to build a crypto portfolio and win prizes based on portfolio performance!

Sports Business

This field centers on buying and selling financial instruments while managing risk and real-time market movements. The roles combine market analysis, client insight, and quantitative tools to execute trades, provide liquidity, and generate returns.

Types of roles include:

- Sales Trader
- Trader
- Operations / Trade Support

Employers include:

- Morgan Stanley
- Citadel
- DRW Trading Group

- **Register for the Sports Business specialized track** which provides targeted recruiting readiness workshops and programming!
- **Compete in the Sports Business Competition** to design a sports expansion strategy proposal with finals taking place in Brazil!

Corporate and Marketing

These roles focus on optimizing business operations, driving business growth, and building strong brand presence. Roles can vary but generally require strong project management, communication, and data analysis skills across industries.

Types of roles include:

- Corporate Strategy Analyst
- Brand Manager
- Rotational Analyst

Employers include:

- Hilton
- American Express
- Delta Air Lines

- **Register for the Corporate and Marketing specialized track** which provides targeted recruiting readiness programming!
- **Job shadow with an alum or industry professional** at organizations such as Morningstar (apply by Jan. 20!).

Venture Capital

VC roles focus on identifying and investing in high-potential startups and early-stage companies. Professionals combine market analysis, financial evaluation, and strategic insight to support innovation, guide growth, and generate returns.

Types of roles include:

- Investment Analyst
- Operations Analyst
- Role w/Portfolio Company

Employers include:

- Bessemer Venture
- Sequoia Capital
- Loeb Enterprises

- **Register for the Venture Capital specialized track** which provides targeted recruiting readiness workshops and programming!
- **Compete in the College Venture Capital Investment Competition** to assess startups and propose investment strategies.

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2025-2026 EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

General Business

- August 14 | Recruiting Bootcamp Series Part 1
- August 20 | Recruiting Bootcamp Series Part 2
- September 26 | Recruiting Essentials with Employers
- September 29 | UChicago Fall Career Fair
- September 30 | Meet the Employer Champions
- September 30 | Recruiting Bootcamp Series Part 3
- October 28 | Level Up Your LinkedIn
- November 11 | [Trott Business Program Info Session](#)
- November 11 | [Financial Markets Program Info Session](#)
- November 13 | Business Office Hours
- January 8 | [Dine and Define Your Summer Plans](#)
- January 20 | Revamping Your Cover Letter
- January 21 | Acing the Interview
- April 24 | Excel Essentials Bootcamp
- April 30 | Business Recruiting Office Hours

Consulting

- September 26 | Recruiting Essentials at PwC
- November 5 | Consulting Pathways Alumni Panel
- January 20 | [Summer 2027 Recruiting Roadmap](#)
- January 30 | [Consulting Case Interview Workshop](#)
- February 5 | Consulting Etiquette Workshop
- March 31 | Resume Workshop & Networking
- April 9 | Summer 2027 Recruiting Roadmap
- May 1 | Consulting Symposium

Corporate & Marketing

- October 21 | Summer 2026 Recruiting Roadmap
- November 5 | Management Development Program Panel
- January 14 | [Corporate Skills Toolkit Series Kickoff](#)
- April 23 | Summer 2027 Recruiting Roadmap

Finance

- August 12 | Summer 2027 Recruiting Roadmap
- August 25 - September 12 | September Term Course
- September 21 - 26 | Private Markets Program
- October 10 | Closing Bell: Understanding the Markets
- October 15 & 22 | Night on Wall Street
- October 17 | Summer 2027 Recruiting Roadmap
- October 24 | Intro to Investment Banking Workshop
- October 28 | Financial Statement Analysis
- November 4 | Valuation Methods
- January 13 | Finance Technical Clusters Kick Off
- January 30 | [Finance Superday Panel Discussion](#)
- April 20 | Summer 2028 Recruiting Roadmap

Sports Business

- October 29 | Breaking Into Sports Marketing Panel
- January 12 | Resume & Branding for Sports Roles
- January 21 | Mock Interview Day for Sports Roles
- May 7 | Sports Business Industry Executives Panel

Venture Capital

- October 23 | Venture Capital 101
- November 6 | Fireside Chat with a Founder and Funder
- November 13 | Basics of Startup Financing
- January 15 | Decision Making in Venture Panel
- February 10 | Essential Elements to a Successful Pitchdeck
- February 19 | Startup Valuation Workshop
- April 9 | Underwriting an Investment

2025-2026 BUSINESS COMPETITIONS

Career competitions are a great way to build your resume and show your skills to employers! Check out the [competitions page](#) for more information.

- October 10 | Rural Innovation Challenge
- November 14 | UChicago Fixed Income Investment Competition
- November 14 | American Bankruptcy Institute Corporate Restructuring Competition
- November 24 | UChicago APAC Healthcare Investment Competition
- March 6 | College New Venture Challenge (CNVC)
- March 16-17 | UChicago Sports Business Competition
- March 31 | Restructuring Finance Program Distressed Bond Pitch Competition
- April 10-11 | UChicago Trading Competition
- April 17 | Digital Assets Trading Competition
- April 24 | UChicago Stock Pitch Competition
- April 30 | Startup Investment Competition



Cameron Clark, AB'25

- Trott Business Program
- Full Time: Investment Banking Analyst at Morgan Stanley
- Campus Involvement: UChicago Real Estate Investment Group, Intercollegiate Finance Journal



Jasmine Li, AB'25

- Trott Business Program
- Full Time: Consultant at Bain & Company
- Campus Involvement: CampusCATALYST, The Mark, Women in Business, Bite Magazine