FINANCIAL SCIENCE CO-OP

Financial Science at Trent

The Financial Science program enables students to obtain a foundation in the theory, practice, and analytical techniques required to understand, model, and solve complex financial problems in the modern world of finance. The program provides an interdisciplinary breadth of knowledge including accounting, economics, finance, mathematical modelling, computing, and statistics. Canada's financial industry has a growing demand for graduates who possess quantitative analytical skills beyond crunching numbers – skills that help guide businesses and individuals with their most important investment decisions. Combining mathematics, statistics, economics, business, and computing, this one-of-a-kind degree program will teach you to analyze investment industry trends and implement real-world data models in finance.

Trent's Financial Science B.Sc. will also set yourself up for an exciting career in the increasingly complex financial world – through the Financial Science Co-op program, you can put skills to action across three paid work terms in professional settings.

Financial Science Co-op

Co-op is an opportunity for students to gain work-integrated experiential learning that will help them get a head start on their career. The Financial Science Co-op assists graduating students in achieving a competitive edge while generating experience within a wide range of sectors. Specifically, co-op gives the students a chance to obtain 12 months of practical experience on the job, develop or enhance technical skills, explore career options, network with a variety of individuals and organizations, learn from mentors, enhance communication and presentation skills, and develop technical writing skills.

Financial Science Co-op is a competitive direct-entry program with a limited number of spaces.

Program Requirements for Admittance into Co-op:

- Minimum 80% cumulative average including either MHF4U or MCV4U and a minimum of 60% in ENG4U

To remain in the co-op, students must:

- Maintain a minimum 70% cumulative average and a 75% average in all MATH, ECON and ADMN courses throughout their study terms
- Successfully complete the required Co-op course (COOP 2000H) with a grade of 70%+
- Complete three co-op work terms (COOP 2100P, 3100P, 4100P)
- Receive satisfactory evaluations during each of their work terms

Financial Science Co-op Work Term Schedule

	Fall	Winter	Summer
Year 1	Study Term 1	Study Term 2	Study Term 3
Year 2	Study Term 4	Study Term 5	Work Term 1
Year 3	Study Term 6	Study Term 7	Work Term 2
Year 4	Work Term 3	Study Term 8	

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All co-op students are encouraged to meet with an Academic Advisor for degree mapping and to ensure they are meeting all their program requirements. You can book an appointment on the Student Experience Portal (trentu.ca/sep) or by calling (705) 748-1011 ext. 1488.

Please Note: Co-op is meant to prepare students for the real-world job application process and as such, the co-op process is competitive and dependent upon many factors including market conditions, the student's efforts to secure a work term, and the academic performance of a student. Every effort is made to find suitable co-op work terms for students, but a work term opportunity cannot be guaranteed for every student. Co-op students will secure positions through successful participation in the co-op interview process and/or their own job search activities. It is preferred that no more than two of the three work terms are with the same employer. Withdrawal from the co-op program will not normally be approved while a student is on a work term.

Students who are unable to obtain a suitable co-op opportunity in an upcoming work term are expected to continue with their academic program on a full-time basis. A missed work term can be made up. If a co-op student is unable to complete three work terms yet otherwise fulfills degree requirements, they will be awarded an Honours Bachelor of Science in Financial Science.

Students do not pay tuition during each work term. Students are required to pay co-op fees plus ancillary fees and levies. The Co-op Assistance Program is available to support students in financial need with co-op expenses. For more information, please reach out to coop@trentu.ca.

International Students As of April 1, 2026, international post-secondary students no longer need a co-op work permit to participate in a mandatory work component of their study program. To be eligible for student work placements, you must have a valid study permit that includes authorization to work on campus. For full eligibility requirements and updates on working in Canada as an international student, visit Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada.

Students with Disabilities are strongly encouraged to register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS). Please contact sas@trentu.ca for more support.

Sample Work Term Areas for Financial Science:

- Financial Management
- Investment Analysis
- Financial Accounting
- Actuarial Services
- Brokerage Services

Potential Career Paths for a Financial Science Graduate:

- Brokerage Specialist
- Credit Risk Analyst
- Financial Reporter
- Personal Financial Advisor
- Financial Analyst