

Finance - Corporate Finance

If you have an interest in both finance and accounting, you may want to consider pursuing a career in corporate finance. Finance departments usually carry out four main activities to meet their objectives:

- 1) designing, implementing and monitoring financial policies
- 2) planning and executing the financing program
- 3) managing cash resources
- 4) interfacing with the financial community and investors

Your role would be to create value for the company. Whether you have a strong background in accounting and want to transition to a finance career, receiving a dual concentration in both areas, or are interested in working in an internal finance role at a company, corporate finance may be the career path for you!

Corporate finance roles often do not have a definitive position name. Some titles may sound more accounting-based, thus it is important to pay attention to the job descriptions, which will detail the duties that fall under finance and/or accounting. Sometimes, the role may be in another department, such as operations where you would support the finance function of the company. These roles may be a great way to get your foot in the door and prepare you for a transition or promotion into a corporate finance role.

Source: Wetfeet—Corporate Finance



Average Salary & Trajectory*

Entry-Level

\$60,000 annually

- Financial Analyst
- Associate Support Analyst
- Business Analyst
- Budget Analyst
- Cost Accountant
- Accountant

Mid-Level

\$89,000 annually

- Credit Manager
- Treasurer
- Controller
- Comptroller
- Compliance Manager
- Credit Reviewer

Executive-Level

\$150,000 annually

- Vice President of Finance
- Senior Controller
- Chief Financial Officer
- Director of Finance
- Director of Compliance

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Visit O*Net OnLine to explore the sample roles in corporate finance. The database provides career exploration tools to the public at no cost and is continually updated by surveying a broad range of workers from each occupation. Learn about the knowledge, skills, tasks, and activities required for each occupation, as well as median wages and employment trends reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and other federal agencies.

01 Visit O*Net OnLine at www.onetonline.org

02 Refer to the sample job titles listed in the "O*Net Keywords" section below

03 Enter phrase into O*Net's "Occupation Search" to explore sample roles

O*Net Keywords:

- Finance
- Budget
- Compliance
- Credit

Roles:

- Financial Analyst
- Senior Controller
- Treasurers/Controllers
- Compliance Manager

*Note: Salaries are highly dependent on location, company type, and candidate experience/education. For the purposes of this guide we are providing average starting salaries as determined by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), overall average salaries as determined by the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as well as supplemental information found from various industry-specific sources.

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Skills/Experience Suggested:

- Ability to work independently and demonstrated ability to direct others while managing the demands of an ever changing environment
- Highly proficient in Microsoft Office Suite
- Exceptional attention to detail, organization and communication
- Facilitate monthly forecasting efforts and annual budgeting process for all functional units
- Identify trends and development in competitive environments

Advanced Degrees:

- Master of Science in Finance
- Master of Business Administration

Professional Certifications:

- Registered Financial Associate
- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)

Professional Associations:

- Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC)
- Association for Financial Professionals
- Association of Corporate Treasurers
- Southern California Association for Financial Professionals

Campus Resources:

- Finance Association
- Business Finance Alumni Chapter

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Industry Research & Tools:

- Investopedia.com
- SEC Edgar Search Tool
- Sec.gov/corpin
- Allbusinessschools.com/business-careers/finance/
- Vault.com—accessible through your Student Portal

Job & Internship Search Sites:

- Usajobs.gov
- Looksharp.com/finance
- Internships.com
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