Admission Requirements
Applicants may apply online and must meet all prerequisite requirements at the time of matriculation into the program. Admission to graduate standing in The Paul Merage School of Business is accorded to those possessing an undergraduate degree with an acceptable level of scholarship from an institution of recognized standing. Applicants for admission will be evaluated on their academic record and potential for leadership as demonstrated in submitted application materials including:

- Official transcripts from all institutions attended to obtain undergraduate degree (with English translation if needed)
- Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required but strongly recommended for applicants with GPAs below 3.3. While these tests are not required, the admissions team is looking for evidence of strong verbal and quantitative skills. Scores are valid for five years.
- Two letters of recommendation
- Two essays
- Resume
- Official TOEFL or IELTS (international applicants)
- $150 application fee
- A personal interview (by invitation only)
The Master of Finance (MFin) Program at the University of California, Irvine Paul Merage School of Business is a STEM-Certified, intensive one-year program that provides extensive, practical training for quantitative and analytical jobs in the field of finance. Taught by world-class faculty and leading researchers in their fields, this structured curriculum incorporates all aspects of financial literacy, from management to theory, quantitative work to highly-complex problem-solving.

The program is in economically thriving Orange County, in the heart of Southern California’s Tech Coast.

APPLICANT POOL & CLASS SIZE

Applications Received: 1,223
Class Size: 70

ACADEMIC PROFILE

Average GPA: 3.48
Average GMAT: 622
Average GRE: 310
Domestic: 45%
Age Range: 21 - 42
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Underrepresented Minorities: 14%

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ACADEMIC PROFILE

Women 51%
Men 49%

UNDERGRADUATE UNIVERSITIES REPRESENTED

UC Irvine: 25.4%
Other UC Schools: 9.9%
Other CA Schools: 12.7%
Other US Schools: 38%
International Schools: 14%

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Finance: 36%
Economics: 27%
Business Administration: 16%
Accounting: 7%
Social Sciences: 5%
Physical Sciences: 5%
Biological Sciences: 3%
Other: 1%

REGION REPRESENTATION

China, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States, and Vietnam

The Capstone Project provides students an opportunity to work on real-life finance problems with industry partners. During the spring and summer quarters, students will work in teams led by a faculty advisor and the sponsor organization to create valuable collateral that will ultimately be presented to the Merage School faculty and staff, and the host organization.

Capstone Partners

Sample Capstone Companies:

Manda USA
Remrock Capital
Tech Coast Angels
Cron Fund II
First American Trust

Pacific Life
IPC, Inc.
Western Digital
KPMG
Wells Fargo

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For more information on financial support, contact Alda Ruggiero at the Merage School Financial Aid Office at 949.824.7967 or aruggier@uci.edu.

Financial Aid

Entering students who receive a merit-based scholarship

$10,000
Guaranteed California Resident Scholarship

$1k
Scholarship for Ambassadors