CFAR Practicum

Experiential learning in finance

Cutting-edge business strategy. State-of-the-art analytical tools. Intellectual property rights. Access to future talent. Washington University’s student consulting teams—the next generation of finance and accounting experts—are ready to apply advanced analytics and actionable insights to your business challenges. Conducted through Olin Business School’s Wells Fargo Advisors Center for Finance and Accounting Research, Practicum projects are customized, hands-on, student led and faculty guided.

 Areas of expertise

- fintech, accounting, corporate finance, quantitative finance, and wealth and asset management issues

Areas of expertise

- Master of Science in Finance—Quantitative
- Master of Science in Finance—Wealth and Asset Management
- Master of Science in Business Analytics—FinTech Analytics

Recent Clients

- Edward Jones
- P&G China
- EmpowerMe Wellness
- CoverCress
- St. Louis Symphony Orchestra & Endowment
- Washington University Investment Management Company
- Hermann Capital Companies
- Mastercard
- Neocova

Students per team with subteams

- 10

Projects

- 3

Project time frames

- summer, fall, spring

Intellectual property belongs to your organization

FREE

standard consulting

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Confront challenge, create change.

How it works

Step 1: Scope problems
Academic Director Timothy Solberg will manage scoping your project with you. Our goal is for a meaningful project for both the client and the students that can be applied to your work on a day-to-day basis.

Step 2: Collect data
Your faculty-supervised team of students will sign a nondisclosure agreement to protect your confidentiality. They will conduct a thorough analysis of your business needs.

Step 3: Analyze information/data
Your student team will study the data, analyze the situation and draw conclusions to make recommendations to solve your business challenge.

Step 4: Report results
During the 14-week semester, students will report on progress to date. At the end of the term, they will formally present their results and turn in any coding or metric analysis. You will own the intellectual property.

WFA-CFAR finance consulting projects bring together some of America’s most distinguished finance research faculty and gifted graduate students to collaborate with business partners to solve complex problems facing organizations.”

ANJAN THAKOR, INTERIM DEAN AND FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF CFA,
JOHN E. SIMON PROFESSOR OF FINANCE, WASHU OLIN BUSINESS SCHOOL

Your Practicum project will combine the analytical perspective of talented students in our Master in Finance program with the expertise of our finance faculty. Students will closely study your situation and employ a variety of analytical tools to offer solutions to your business challenge.