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hands-on financial analysis and portfolio management experience to prepare students for success.
Overview

The mission of Titan Capital Management (TCM) is to provide students with the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to manage investment portfolios in ‘real time’. Student teams spend 12 months managing a stock (equity), bond (fixed income) or balanced portfolio (President’s Scholars) funded by the CSUF Philanthropic Foundation with support from generous donations of CSUF alumni. Each portfolio is overseen by highly qualified faculty and an advisory board drawn from local investment practitioners.

The TCM Experience

The TCM program begins with three ‘boot camp’ sessions in the summer, followed by applied investment courses in the fall and spring semesters of the subsequent year.

Unlike a typical university course, TCM students receive extensive one-on-one coaching from faculty, alumni and board members. Class sizes are small, with no more than 21 students in each section, and include more interactive discussions than rote learning. By graduation, TCM students are well prepared for successful careers in the investment industry.

Each team includes members who take on the roles of Portfolio Manager, Risk and Compliance Manager, and Financial Analyst, with all team members contributing to the analysis and recommendations associated with each role. Individual students and teams make formal written and oral presentations multiple times during the year to polish their presentation skills and strengthen their ability to communicate investment concepts accurately, concisely and persuasively.
State of the Art Resources

Students participating in TCM learn to support their investment recommendations with comprehensive industry and company competitive analysis, thorough review of financial statements, and a detailed cash flow forecast and valuation calculation. To develop a robust investment analysis, TCM students receive training on financial software such as Bloomberg and FactSet, which are widely used by investment professionals for market data and security analysis.

Bloomberg and FactSet provide access to the broadest array of investment data sources in the industry, including real-time prices and index values for stock and bond markets in the U.S. and around the world, financial information on publicly traded companies, and detailed information on individual stock and bond issues. Proficiency with these platforms can provide students with a head start on the competition when beginning a job search after graduation.

TCM students also have access to a seminar room dedicated to team collaboration and investment research. Students can use this room to review market data, research financial information of target companies and debate ideas with colleagues. Upon completion of the TCM program, students have gained firsthand knowledge of the financial markets and are ready to begin their careers as financial analysts, traders or essential supporting team members in the highly competitive investment management industry.

Requirements

TCM builds on curriculum presented across the business administration courses offered at CSUF. To qualify for TCM, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or better and be aspiring to begin a career in investments, wealth management or financial analysis.

Candidates must be committed graduate or undergraduate students willing and able to participate in the entire 12-month TCM program beginning with three “boot camp” sessions held the summer after acceptance into the program, and continuing through the fall and spring semesters of the following academic year.

TCM candidates must complete a rigorous application process including:

- Written essay describing why you are interested in TCM and what you will bring to the program
- Recommendation from a professor, coach or supervisor
- Research report on a financial market or economic topic
- In-person interview with a panel of finance faculty and TCM board members
- Critical thinking and problem solving skills assessment
- Satisfactory completion of FIN 321 - Financial Analysis II and FIN 340 - Introduction to Investments (or equivalent graduate courses) prior to the fall semester of participation

Candidates with strong academic success in their finance courses and successful completion of the FIN 341 - Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF) course are given preference when applying to TCM.

RECOMMENDED COURSEWORK

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