2015 Summary

The DFE Finance Boot Camp is designed for juniors seeking summer internships in finance who study abroad during the fall semester and thus miss the many on-campus finance training and networking activities held during that time. Boot Camp prepares these returning juniors for the rigorous finance internship recruiting process in the spring, including both an educational portion Friday through Sunday and a networking/interview skills portion on Monday and Tuesday.

From January 2nd – 6th, 2015, 31 juniors were enrolled in the full 4.5-day program. However, demand for spaces was so high that for the first time in the three-year history of the program, 30 additional students were invited to participate in the educational portion (January 2nd – 4th).

Participating Sponsors

Warm thanks to our 2015 sponsors and the 30 representatives who visited campus!

Bank of America Merrill Lynch  Blackstone
BNP Paribas                  Brownstone
Deutsche Bank                Goldman Sachs
JPMorgan                    Morgan Stanley
RBC

January 2015 Program

Fall semester 2014: online accounting training, résumé review and feedback

Educational Portion (61 participants)
Friday, Jan. 2, 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
• Open office hours with John Caccavale & Emma Rasiel
• Orientation and dinner
• Finance “Game Show” with host Ken Pott, Managing Director, Morgan Stanley

Saturday, Jan. 3, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
• Essentials of Accounting
• CAPM and WACC Models
• Corporate valuation (DCF, comparable companies)
• Practical application via homework assignment

Sunday, Jan. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
• Global Financial Markets
• Lunch and keynote speaker Ralph Eads, Vice Chairman, Jefferies
• Creating a Stock Pitch OR Bloomberg Training

Networking Portion (31 participants)
Monday, Jan. 5, 9 a.m.–9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 6, 9 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
• Up to eight individual 30-minute meetings with sponsor representatives and Career Center counselors for each participant
• Five 90-minute workshops with program sponsors, including:
  ♦ Interview skills and the recruiting process
  ♦ Corporate case studies
  ♦ The different roles on Wall Street
  ♦ “Speed interviews”
• Lunches, dinners, and receptions with program sponsors
Feedback from 2015 Boot Camp Students

“The program was unbelievable. I feel so much more prepared for the job/internship process and found that the teaching aspects were comprehensive and that the networking portion gave us invaluable exposure to actual professionals from the banks.”

“Very efficiently run and incredibly helpful program! Would highly recommend to anyone.”

“This is one of the finest programs Duke has to offer. Everyone who recommended the program to me insists that they are only in their current role as a result of connections made during Boot Camp. If fortunate enough to be successful in the recruitment process, I will be indebted to Boot Camp.”

“This program could not have been run better. I learned so much in such a short amount of time and met several very helpful people across the industry.”

2014 Boot Camp Placements (33 participants total)

Selected firms that hired 2014 Boot Campers as summer interns:

- Apollo
- Barclays
- Bank of America
- Merrill Lynch
- BlackRock
- BNP Paribas
- Brownstone
- Citi
- Deutsche Bank
- Deloitte
- DRW
- The Gap
- Glencore
- Goldman Sachs
- Jefferies
- JP Morgan
- Morgan Stanley
- RBC
- Susquehanna

Summer Internships:

- 20 obtained summer internships with Boot Camp sponsors.
- 5 obtained summer internships with other financial institutions.
- 4 obtained internships in consulting.
- 4 chose to pursue corporate finance or related internships in non-financial firms.

Full-time Placements:

- Percentage of total 2014 Boot Camp participants with finance internships who converted to full-time offers: 90%
- Percentage of total 2014 Boot Camp participants with full-time offers (as of January 2015): 100%