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OCH INITIATIVE FOR WOMEN IN FINANCE

For undergraduates considering a career in finance
Learn more about the world of finance and explore what it’s like to work in the industry with resources, education, and outreach opportunities from the Och Initiative. All Ross students, regardless of gender, are welcome to participate in the Och Initiative.

“Men dominate this field, and you read about it all the time in the news. But there is so much possibility to be a successful woman here, and the leaders I met really showed me that. They showed me you can have a family and go after what you want. They were funny and friendly and really cared about me. It was humbling to talk to such impressive role models, and we’re exchanging emails now.”
—Komal Sankla, BBA

The Och Initiative builds on strong courses in finance — like Making Financial Decisions, Capital Markets and Investment Strategy, Valuation, and Private Equity — with co-curricular activities to help you gain practical skills you can apply in your job search and expand your network of connections.

PROGRAMMING
Specific co-curricular programming is determined each year. Examples include:

Workshops
Build your knowledge about the finance industry generally, as well as in specific sectors like private equity, corporate finance, investment management, and investment banking.

Events
Gain insights from executive leaders in the finance industry who speak about their careers and experiences.

Treks
Travel to significant financial-sector cities like New York City and Chicago to go on tours, learn from leaders, and build your network. Treks heavily engage Ross alumni.

Other Activities
Participate in programming offered by the Michigan Business Women student club, which brings together students across the MBA, BBA, and other programs. Ross is also a Forte Rising Star Initiative sponsoring school.

Career Development Office
Work with a recruiting manager dedicated to helping students find opportunities in different areas of finance, including commercial banking, insurance, investments, financial services, and venture capital.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES
The Och Initiative is exploring a mentorship program for students, as well as other enrichment activities like simulations, to enhance understanding of financial transactions and issues.

NEXT STEP
To learn more or become involved in the Och Initiative programs, contact the Office of Undergraduate Programs, rossugprograms@umich.edu.

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