

Recent Graduate Placements

Our alumni have secured competitive positions at prestigious institutions and organizations across the globe. The following is a detailed list of the initial placements and dissertation topics of our recent doctoral graduates.



Faraz Moghimi, 2023
Machine Learning Scientist,
Zillow Group, Inc.
Start year: 2020

His dissertation developed and applied various natural language processing methods and advanced deep learning techniques to examine corporate hiring and stock return predictability.



Sunil Kumar, 2022
Assistant Professor,
Roger Williams University
Start date: 2018

He investigated the motivations of the managers engaging in classification shifting. He has also authored a book on applied machine learning in finance and accounting.



Fadimbe Baro, 2023
Lecturer,
Bryant University
Start year: 2016

His dissertation investigated firms' board-level commitment to sustainability and their impact on corporate risk-taking, strategy, CSR performance, and financial reporting quality.



Hugh Qiu, 2022
Assistant Professor,
Framingham State
Start year: 2018

His dissertation work focused on analyzing how corporations react to expected and unexpected shocks within their operating environment.



Ai Li, 2023
Assistant Professor,
Winthrop University
Start year: 2018

Her dissertation focused on analyzing the impact of climate risk on firm-level risk, corporate innovation, and CEO decision making. Part of her work has been published in *Global Finance Journal* (ABDC journal ranking: A).



Hong Zhou, 2022
Visiting Assistant Professor,
Clark University
Start year: 2015

Her dissertation investigated corporate governance structures, specifically, how firms leverage CSR related initiatives and the relevant corporate outcomes. Part of her work has been published in *International Journal of Managerial Finance* (ABDC journal ranking: A).



Hurong Sun, 2022

Assistant Professor,
Xichang University, China
Start year: 2018

Her dissertation examined the formation of the syndicate and book building process in corporate bond offerings.



Usama Ali Khan, 2021

Securities Research
Associate, Credit Suisse
Start year: 2014

His dissertation applied artificial neural networks to examine firm-level return predictions.



Prianka Musa, 2022

Assistant Professor,
Springfield College
Start year: 2015

Her dissertation work focused on how investor sentiment and CSR engagement affect shareholder litigation and how litigation risk affects analyst forecast. Part of her work has been published in the *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy* (ABDC journal ranking: A) and *Accounting & Finance* (ABDC journal ranking: A).



Junwoo Kim, 2021

Assistant Professor,
Oakland University
Start year: 2016

His research focused on financial reporting, security analysts, and corporate social responsibility. Part of his dissertation work has been published in *Journal of Business Research* (ABDC journal ranking: A).



Mengyi Gu, 2021

Assistant Professor,
University of International
Business and Economics
Start year: 2015

Her research focused on cost of bank loans, corporate voluntary disclosure, CEO compensation, and financial market frictions.



Luna Goldblatt, 2021

George J. and Eileen F.
White Assistant Professor,
College of the Holy Cross
Start year: 2015

Her research focused on the impact of information environment on firm behavior and performance. Part of her dissertation work has been published in *Journal of Corporate Finance* (ABDC journal ranking: A*).



Xiaochuan Tong, 2021

Assistant Teaching
Professor and Assistant
Director of Fintech Initiative,
Northeastern University
Start year: 2016

His research focused on the impact of government ownership on firm performance, CEO compensation, and investor behavior. Part of his dissertation work has been published in the *International Journal of Managerial Finance* (ABDC journal ranking: A).



Priya Garg, 2020

Assistant Professor,
University of San Diego
Start year: 2015

Her research focused on cash holding, textual analysis, financial accounting, big data analysis, and corporate social responsibility. Part of her dissertation work has been published in *Financial Management* (ABDC journal ranking: A).



Li Gao, 2019

Assistant Professor,
State University of New York
New Paltz
Start year: 2014

Her research focused on the Chief Financial Officers' influence on various financial reporting issues, such as earning management and tax avoidance.



Bo Xu, 2019

Assistant Professor,
Harbin Institute of
Technology,
Shenzhen, China
Start year: 2015

His research focused on empirical corporate finance, specifically corporate innovation, executive compensation, corporate governance, and corporate social responsibility. Part of his dissertation work has been published in *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis* (ABDC journal ranking: A*) and *Journal of Business Ethics* (ABDC journal ranking: A).



Rongbing Liu, 2019

Assistant Professor,
Framingham State
University
Start year: 2014

Her research focused on corporate social responsibility, financial accounting, and corporate capital structure. She published in *Accounting and Finance* (ABDC journal ranking: A).