

Financing Innovation

Capital is the lifeblood of a growing firm, but it's important to match the right type of capital to the structure and potential of the business. Through curriculum and experiential programming, Duke Innovation & Entrepreneurship supports Daytime MBA students in critically analyzing new business opportunities and crafting the right funding structures to provide the capital needed to scale. From students looking to move into the venture capital space to those that want to work in investment banking, these curricular and co-curricular offerings are designed to prepare you to effectively invest capital to fuel innovation.

LEARN THE CONCEPTS THROUGH OUR COMPREHENSIVE COURSE OFFERINGS

Foundational Case-Based Courses

- Finance 651 ENTREPRENEURIAL FINANCE
- Finance 660 PRIVATE CAPITAL MARKETS
- Strategy 838 ENTREPRENEURIAL STRATEGY
- Accounting 591 MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING

Case-Based Courses to Round Out Your Skills

- Finance 646 CORPORATE FINANCE
- Management 745 NEGOTIATIONS
- Strategy 845 ENTREPRENEURIAL EXECUTION

Industry-Specific Courses

- Management 898 IMPACT INVESTING

Foundational Experiential Learning and Project-Based Courses

PRIVATE EQUITY BUYOUTS LAB

Finance 894 | Spring 1

Build experience identifying and analyzing a private equity investment opportunity. This course prepares students to search for careers in private equity by challenging them to develop an investment thesis for a PE transaction and pitch that thesis to a committee of PE professionals currently operating in the industry.

VENTURE CAPITAL LAB

Finance 894 | Fall 2

The Venture Capital Lab is designed to immerse students in the venture investing process through applied learning with the purpose of equipping for a career in the industry. Students gain tangible exposure to the venture investing process as well as a point of access to engage in the venture ecosystem.

MENTORED STUDY X I&E

Management 754 | Fall Semester or Spring Semester

Through the Mentored Study program, you can engage with a private equity or venture capital firm to conduct due diligence on potential portfolio investments. You will present your findings and recommendations to firm partners. Firms and projects vary year to year.

HONE YOUR SKILLS THROUGH CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

LBO Model Workshop

Strengthen your financial modeling skills. In this workshop you will be equipped to build a fully functioning leveraged buyout model in Excel from scratch. The LBO model is a key tool used to forecast estimated returns for a private equity investor. Applicable for students pursuing careers in private equity, investment banking, consulting (PE clients) and entrepreneurship through acquisition.

Venture Capital Investment Competition (VCIC)

VCIC is the world's largest venture capital competition. Students play the role of VCs who invest in a startup.

STUDENT CLUBS

Duke MBA Private Capital Club

Offers educational events, speakers, and employment initiatives in the global private equity and venture capital space.

ENGAGE WITH EXPERTS ACROSS CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

NC IDEA Fellows Program

As an NC IDEA Fellow, you will support NC IDEA in screening and conducting due diligence on early-stage ventures that apply to their Micro and Seed grant programs. The program runs for a calendar year, spring through fall covering two application review cycles.

Duke Capital Partners (DCP)

Duke Capital Partners is uniquely dedicated to connecting, supporting, and cultivating the Duke entrepreneurial community. In addition to providing capital, DCP actively matches alumni expertise with portfolio companies to drive growth. Fuqua students have the opportunity to support DCP in conducting due diligence on potential investments. Applications open in the fall.