Financial Times ranks Master of Finance fourth in U.S.

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In its new ranking of global master's in finance programs, *Financial Times* has ranked the Freeman School's Master of Finance program 26th in the world and fourth among programs in the U.S.



Freeman was ranked in the category of pre-experience programs, which refers to typically one-year programs targeted at new or recent graduates. The ranking appeared in *Financial Times* and FT.com on June 20.

"Being ranked among the top four programs in the country is a testament to the quality and relevance of our curriculum," says Exxon Professor of Finance Venkat Subramaniam, who was instrumental in establishing the program in 2002 and served as its first director. "Our program features a unique blend of foundational and applied courses in corporate finance, valuation and investments, and it's also flexible enough to allow for specialization in energy markets and instruments. It builds on our faculty strengths and leverages our geographic location in the Gulf South."



Exxon Professor of Finance Venkat Subramaniam, center, says Freeman's MFIN program features a unique combination of foundational and applied courses in corporate finance, valuation and investments.

Financial Times ranked finance master's programs on criteria including salary of graduates, relative value, career progress, placement success, school diversity, and international exposure and mobility. Of the more than 100 programs included in the survey, Freeman ranked ninth overall in career progress, which measured the professional growth of graduates three years after completing the program, and 16th in placement success, which measured the level of satisfaction alumni had with the school's career services office.

According to Subramaniam, the ranking reflects not just the quality of the curriculum but also the quality of students to enroll in the program.

"Our curriculum draws serious students who are very discerning," says Subramaniam. "They have put as much thought into selecting an MFIN program that best suits them as we have put into the structure of the program. Their commitment to learning has made a remarkable impact on the quality of our program."

The Freeman School's Master of Finance program is an 11-month full-time program comprising 34 credit hours. Freeman also offers a Master of Finance program in Houston, a 14-month program that meets on alternate weekends and enables students to maintain their full-time employment.

To see the full ranking of master's in finance programs, visit rankings.ft.com.