# Finance Trading Programme (FTP) 2025 Welcome to the Finance Trading Programme!

Dear All,

The School of Economics and Finance invites students to participate in an FTP Financial Markets and Trading Programme that has been designed to provide insight and knowledge into areas of financial markets that are relevant to student's studies and future careers.

The objective of the FTP is to provide you with an industry-strength education in financial markets that prepares you for the world of work in the finance sector. The field of finance is changing constantly with the advent of new products, technologies and working practices every year so it is important that you are well-informed and able to understand these new advances.

# **Enrolment is now open for the QM Finance Trading Programme (FTP) 2025**

This is the link to the main FTP page on QMPlus:

https://qmplus.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=26856

**Enrolment Key: PGT2024b** 

Once you have enrolled you will be able to book your chosen class for Module 1 using the QMPlus Scheduler that is on the FTP homepage under the Module 1 content information. You will see class descriptions on the FTP Home page and documents for Module 1 will be added over the next few days and weeks.

## **BOOK YOUR FIRST MODULE CLASS HERE!**

<u>Finance Trading Programme - Jan 25: BOOK HERE! FTP Module 1 Economic</u>
Cycles and Market Interrelatedness | MyQMUL

## What is the QM FTP Objective?

#### **Academic and Practical**

The objective of the QM FTP is to provide theoretical knowledge and practical understanding of financial markets, trading strategies, risk & money management and analytics at the highest level. This is where your theoretical knowledge gained through your MSc programme meets the real world. The FTP offers a mix of live instructor-led online

teaching, face-to-face meetings, case studies and practical analytics exercises where you become acquainted with global markets through the use of industry strength financial platforms used by professionals for analytics and market intelligence.

The FTP programme gives you the practical knowledge and skills you need to convince employers that you are ready to join the world of work. Now in its tenth year of operation, the FTP has helped hundreds of postgrad and undergrad students to attain a high level of theoretical and practical competence that, coupled with their educational qualifications, makes them more readily employable. The FTP is certified by Queen Mary, School of Economics and Finance.

#### How Many Modules are there and How many do I need to take?

In the Queen Mary SEF FTP there are twelve taught Modules with associated tests over three semesters which include regular weekly or bi-weekly live instructor-led classes and a selection of summer modules after exams.

In order to complete the programme you need to have attended the first 10 Modules over the academic year as these are tested. Each Module runs for two weeks and a recording is hosted on QMPlus for review. You only need to attend **ONE** class per module so your attendance commitment is around two hours per 2-week period, There are 2 additional Modules in the summer but they have no tests associated with them.

#### **FTP Modules**

#### Semester 1

Module 1 Economic Cycles and Market Interrelatedness

Module 2 Credit, Inflation and Central Bank Actions

Module 3 Capital and Risk Management

Module 4 Market Technical Analysis

Module 5 Bonds & Fixed Income Markets

#### Semester 2

Module 6 Trading Economic Statistics

Module 7 Trading Derivatives: Futures & Options

Module 8 Trading Cash Equities and Stock Indices

Module 9 Credit Derivatives, Swaps & Interest Rates

Module 10 Quantitative Trading Strategies

# **Learning Objectives**

The overall learning objective is to build your knowledge from a beginner level to an advanced level over the three-semester period so that you become very familiar with financial markets, platforms, working practices and market intelligence. The objective is that

you emerge from the programme with a practical understanding of global financial markets along with strong market intelligence and analytical skills that can be used in your future career.

#### The FTP Learning objectives are as follows:

- To understand how financial markets work, their participants and their roles
- To understand the range of asset class product types and their uses
- · To be able to use financial platforms in order to gain market intelligence
- To understand the interrelationships between different asset classes
- · To understand market risk, money management and different order types
- To have knowledge of various global economic statistics
- · To have knowledge of charting and technical analysis techniques
- · To have knowledge of the range of different trading strategies
- To have knowledge of computational finance, High-frequency trading and data science

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We look forward to seeing you in class and beginning the FTP programme!

If you have questions, please email: <a href="mailto:amanda.kemp@qmul.ac.uk">amanda.kemp@qmul.ac.uk</a>

Best regards,

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