CAREER OF THE MONTH

INVESTMENT BANKER

Analyse today, build tomorrow



£60,000
STARTING SALARY

£200,000
EXPERIENCED SALARY

50-75
HOURS PER WEEK

> "Analyse and advise, helping companies to achieve their goals"

WHAT DOES AN INVESTMENT BANKER DO?

As an investment banker, you would advise companies on major financial transactions, such as buying and selling businesses or raising money. You would analyse companies, build financial models, prepare presentations and negotiate deals.

Big ideas, real deals, lasting impact

DID YOU KNOW?

Investment bankers work on global deals worth millions or even billions of pounds. No two deals are the same so it is a job known for fast-paced work and tight deadlines. Although it can be demanding, it can also be highly rewarding financially

A DAY IN THE LIFE

Analysing financial Statements
Looking at a company's revenue, profits, debt and cash flow

Building financial models in excel
Forecasting company performance or prospective deals

Valuing companies
Estimating what a business is worth

Giving presentations
Presenting to senior bankers and external clients

Researching companies and industries
Understanding competitors, and current economic conditions

Working on mergers and acquisitions (M&A)
Helping companies buy or sell other businesses

Helping Raise Funds
Assisting companies with issuing shares or borrowing money

HOW DO YOU GET THERE?

- To join a graduate scheme with an investment bank you will need a degree in a related subject (such as Economics, Finance, Mathematics, Accounting, Business, Physics, and Engineering)
- For these types of degrees, you'll usually need:
  - 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4, including English, and Mathematics
  - 3 A levels
- Alternatively, you can do a Degree Apprenticeship, a School leaver apprenticeship, or create a progression path from another financial role.

IS THIS CAREER FOR YOU?

You might enjoy being an investment banker if you:

- Have strong Maths and problem-solving skills
- Are interested in data and spotting trends
- Are an analytical/logical thinker with resiliance
- Are quick thinking and remain focussed when things move quickly
- Enjoy working independently and as a part of a team

"A fast paced career with global opportunities"

WHERE COULD IT TAKE YOU?

With experience, you could progress to:

- An Associate
- A VP
- A Director/Managing Director

At the junior levels, you're mainly doing the analysis and technical work. As you progress, you take on greater responsibility for managing deals, clients and teams, with senior roles focused increasingly on business development and winning new work. Salary progression is very fast, with significant increases at each level.

Investment banking: where ambition meets opportunity

CAREER CHALLENGE

Could YOU be an Investment banker?
Could you use logical thinking and Maths to divide up the cost next time you are part of a shared bill or expense?



Build skills that open doors

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