BMO Equity Through Education Program with the FWA Graduate School Partnerships Committee

Spring 2023 Baruch College Finance Training and Stipend Recipients
This spring 2023, BMO and the FWA Graduate School Partnerships Committee provided a stipend to 20 Masters-level students from underprivileged and underrepresented backgrounds at Baruch College's Zicklin School of Business.

In addition, BMO and the FWA Graduate School Partnerships Committee provided the following finance-focused curriculum to almost 250 Baruch College students:

- *Training the Street* Applied Excel
- Financial Markets Training by KLD Training
- *Training the Street* Corporate Valuation

In the next pages, the 20 stipend recipients shared how the curriculum helped their knowledge of finance, while expressing their gratitude to BMO and the FWA Graduate School Partnerships Committee for the generous support on behalf of all students from Baruch College.
Christina Aguirre (MBA ‘24)
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Sometimes you don’t know what your options are because you don’t know what is even possible or that it exists. The BMO FWA Finance Careers Training and Stipend Program helped a career switcher like me gain additional financial industry knowledge and Excel tips and tricks so that I can feel more confident when I step into my next finance role.

Emily Bayer (MBA ‘24)
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Participating in the BMO FWA Finance Careers Training Program was an excellent experience that equipped me with valuable, foundational knowledge needed to launch my career in finance. Thank you BMO and FWA for the incredible opportunity!

Giulia Cappello (MS Finance ‘23)
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Being part of the BMO FWA Finance Careers Training and Stipend Program was a great opportunity to improve my Excel skills, understanding of corporate valuation, and knowledge about how financial markets work. This knowledge will definitely help in my future career in finance. Thank you!
Jieling Chen (MS Statistics '24)

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I am pursuing a Master’s Degree with hopes of becoming a financial quantitative analyst. The BMO FWA Finance Careers Training and Stipend Program provided me with an invaluable opportunity to gain practical skills widely used in the finance industry and a deeper understanding of the financial markets.

Hajrie Demushi (MS Finance ‘23)

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From participating in the program, I have a much better understanding of business valuation as well as the overall skills crucial in any finance role. Thank you to BMO and FWA for the opportunity!

Nada Hamouda (MS Finance '23)

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It was a pleasure to be part of BMO FWA Finance Careers Training. Attending the training, I was able to reshape my thought process and add new skills. The training also helped me a lot to know more about Excel and how I can apply it in work.

Thank you so much!
Iwona Herlihy (MS Finance '23)
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I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the BMO FWA Finance Careers Training and Stipend Program. The program for me meant narrowing my focus as to opportunities out there in the world of finance. It was refreshing to hear the practical applications of what I am learning in school and through supplemental means. Most importantly, the program confirmed to me that I am on the right path, and I am excited for what the future holds.

Komal Khandelwal (MS Finance '23)
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It was truly a pleasure being part of the BMO FWA Finance Careers Training and Stipend Program. I learned how to analyze and assess the financial effects of strategic and operational decisions, how to conduct financial modeling properly and how to spot and evade potential dangers and typical errors. Thank you for such a rewarding experience!

Saima Mahmud (MS Business Analytics '24)
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Being part of the BMO FWA Finance Careers Training and Stipend Program was a game-changer for my career in finance. The courses covered everything from financial analysis and accounting to risk management and investment strategies. This knowledge helped me develop a deep understanding of the finance industry, enabling me to make informed decisions and succeed in my career.
Thank you so much!
Kyalah Morton (MS Real Estate '24)
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The BMO FWA Finance Careers Training and Stipend Program has helped me gain confidence in understanding the financial markets. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity for my career!

Fatimah Nauman (MS Information Systems '23)
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The BMO FWA Finance Career Training and Stipend Programs definitely made an impact on my career. Understanding the importance of finance in all fields is something I believe is very important. I appreciate the opportunity to be able to learn all of this while having access to all the resources provided during the courses.

Emily Rios (MS Accountancy '23)

The BMO FWA Finance Career Training and Stipend program has been an amazing learning experience. After attending this program, I feel more confident about my knowledge and understanding of finance, and will feel more confident when going into interviews and starting that journey.
Proma Saha (MBA '24)
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As a Psychotherapist pivoting into finance, I am tremendously grateful to BMO and FWA for providing informative and interactive training sessions to build my foundational finance knowledge. I left more confident of my financial capabilities than when I started. Thank you for contributing to my growth as a future finance leader!

Mili Paresh Shah (MS Finance '23)
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I want to thank BMO and FWA for giving me the opportunity. As a first-generation student with a vision to work on Wall Street, the training gave me an excellent opportunity to learn about core concepts of finance. The skills picked up through this program will help me achieve my career aspirations. Thank you!

Paulina Skorupska (MS Business Analytics '23)
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Being part of the BMO FWA Finance Careers Training and Stipend Program was an excellent opportunity to strengthen my competencies in finance. As a participant in the training program and recipient of the stipend, I would like to express my gratitude to BMO and FWA for this terrific initiative. Thank you!
Gulnara Umarova (MS Finance '23)
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With so many courses available, it can be challenging to keep track of what is crucial and what is required to build a solid foundation and, in cases such as mine, to launch a career in Finance. I am very grateful that I was given an opportunity to participate in these courses, and they helped me better understand my financial career objectives.

Ignacio Estrada (MS Finance '23)
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Being a part of this amazing adventure was such a privilege for me. Thanks to the training I received, I am much better prepared for any job interview in finance.
Thank you so much!

Terrence Joseph (MS Business Analytics '23)
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Raised in an environment with limited access to resources necessary for growth and experience in professional environments, I understood the challenges I would face in finding opportunities in finance. I gained in-depth technical training and education on concepts used in finance, and can explore opportunities in the financial sector with more confidence. Thank you for the opportunity!
Vandit Kunapareddi (MS Finance '24)
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The BMO FWA program was an incredibly valuable experience for me. I was able to further enhance my skills, and it was an excellent opportunity for me to broaden my knowledge. Overall, I believe that my participation has better equipped me to find a job and thrive in my future career endeavors.

Jose Zapata (MBA '23)
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The training I received from BMO FWA was priceless, reemphasizing the skills and topics most important in the financial industry. Today I feel more confident than before and have an even clearer understanding of the tools needed to success in finance.

Thank you!

The resumes of these terrific stipend recipients can be found on the next pages.

Thank you to the BMO Equity Through Education Program with the FWA Graduate School Partnerships Committee for making such an impact on Baruch College’s students!