



Navigating Career Paths in Finance

Career Opportunities for Life Sciences & Health Graduates

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**In Europe only, the Life Sciences
Industry is worth €1,5 Trillion,
employing >29M people**

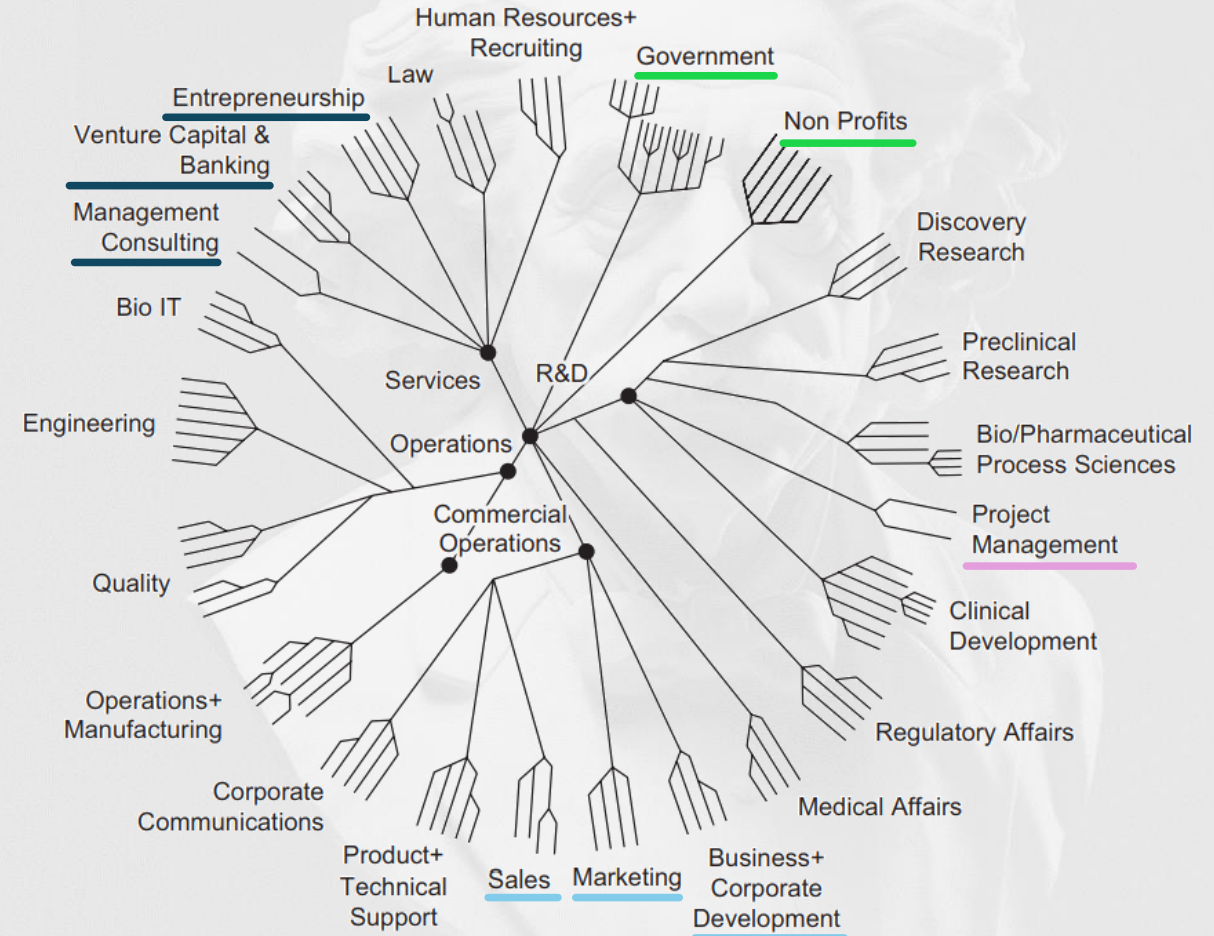
Hence, there are plenty of career opportunities



Life Science Careers

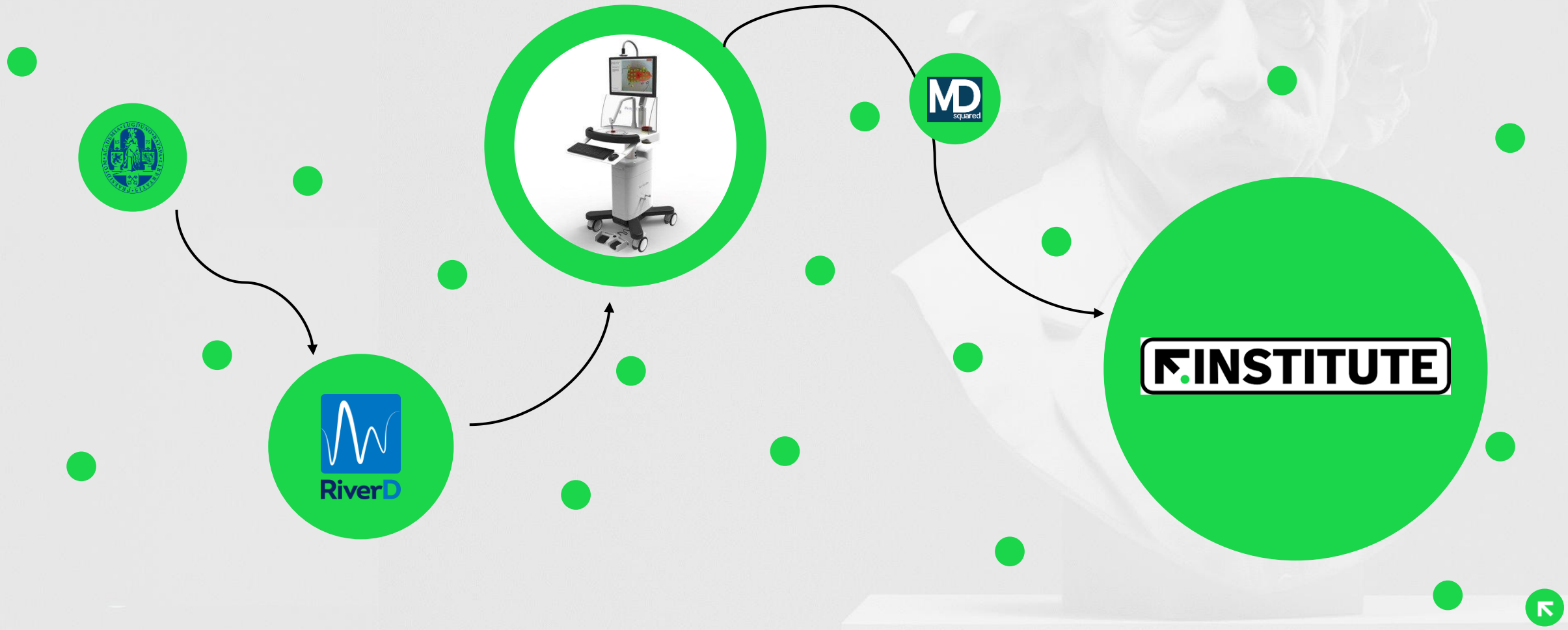
An industry where many roles are required

Let's zoom in on specific roles where financial knowledge is required:



My Journey Into Finance

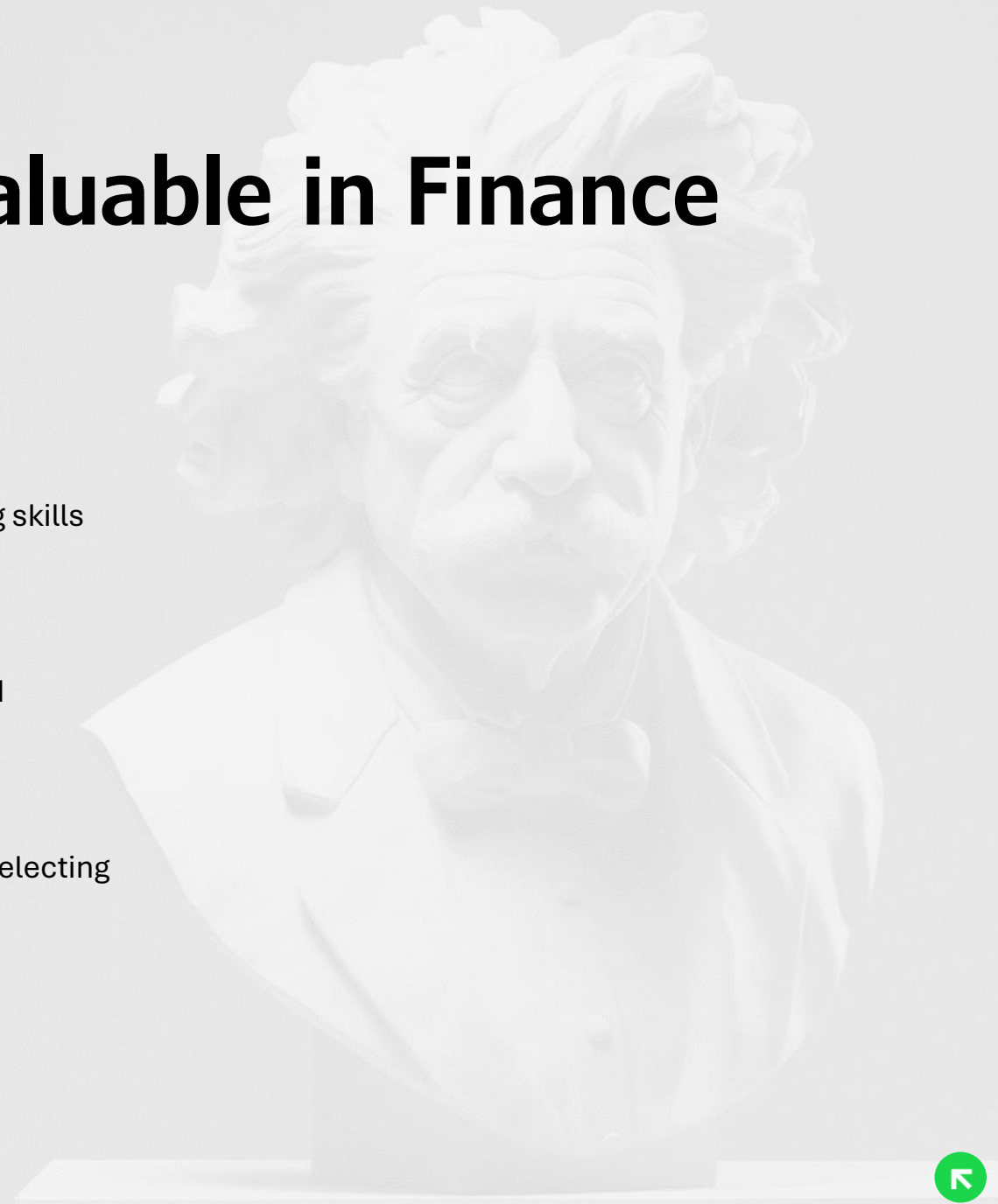
From the Lab to Business



Why Life Scientists Are Valuable in Finance

Transferrable Skills & Essential Knowledge

- **Analytical and Problem-Solving Skills**
Life science graduates possess strong analytical and problem-solving skills valuable for financial data analysis and decision-making.
- **Scientific Literacy in Finance**
Their scientific literacy enables accurate interpretation of biotech and healthcare innovations in financial contexts.
- **Evaluating Investment Opportunities**
Understanding complex biotech innovations helps in assessing and selecting promising investment opportunities effectively.

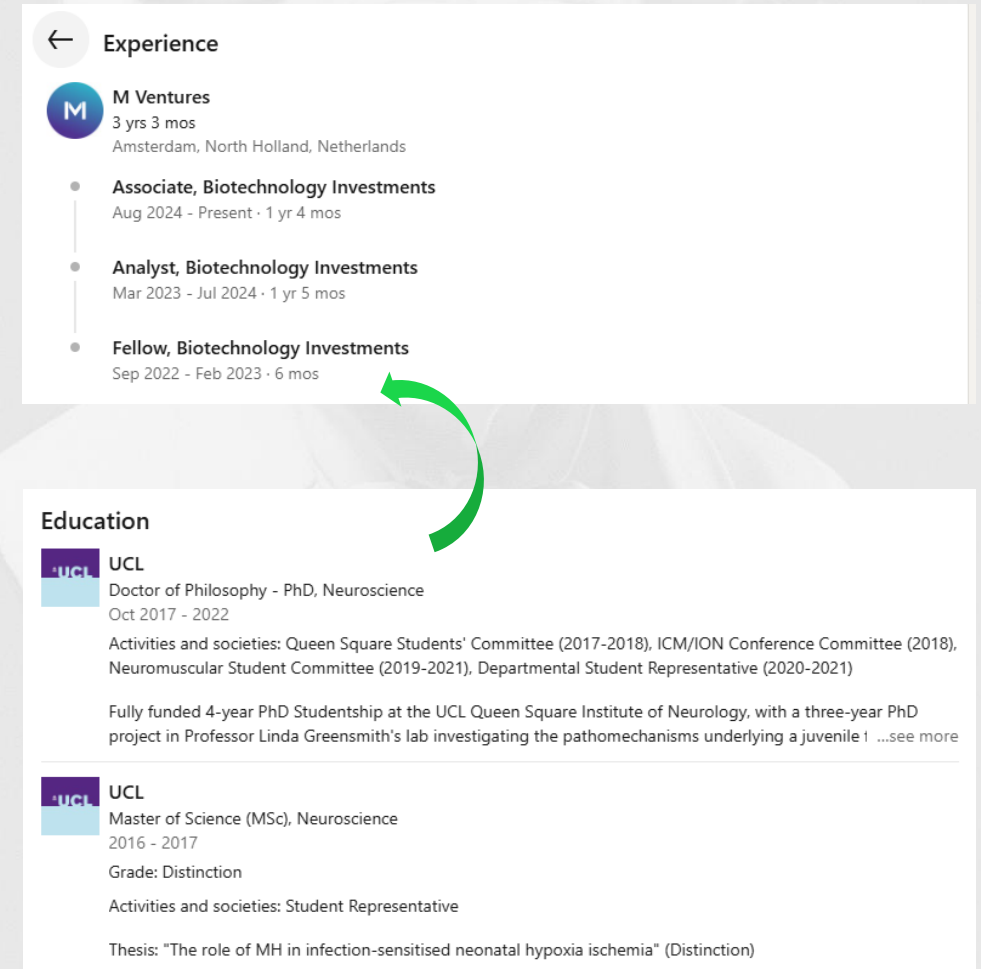


Key requirements

To start a career in Finance

- **Thorough Understanding of a Business and Technology**
Understanding the journey a business and technology goes through for the innovation its specific industry (e.g. Medtech, Biotech)
- **General understanding of Financial Statements**
An important concept to understand is how the P&L, Balance Sheet and Cashflow statement are read and prepared
- **Understanding the role of cash & budgets**
in realizing value inflection points for a company (venture/ start-up specific).

The classical PhD to VC move



The screenshot displays a LinkedIn profile with a focus on the 'Experience' and 'Education' sections. A green curved arrow points from the 'Fellow, Biotechnology Investments' role in the Experience section to the 'UCL' PhD entry in the Education section, illustrating the 'classical PhD to VC move'.

Experience

- M Ventures**
3 yrs 3 mos
Amsterdam, North Holland, Netherlands
 - Associate, Biotechnology Investments**
Aug 2024 - Present · 1 yr 4 mos
 - Analyst, Biotechnology Investments**
Mar 2023 - Jul 2024 · 1 yr 5 mos
 - Fellow, Biotechnology Investments**
Sep 2022 - Feb 2023 · 6 mos

Education

- UCL**
Doctor of Philosophy - PhD, Neuroscience
Oct 2017 - 2022
Activities and societies: Queen Square Students' Committee (2017-2018), ICM/ION Conference Committee (2018), Neuromuscular Student Committee (2019-2021), Departmental Student Representative (2020-2021)
Fully funded 4-year PhD Studentship at the UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology, with a three-year PhD project in Professor Linda Greensmith's lab investigating the pathomechanisms underlying a juvenile 1 ...see more
- UCL**
Master of Science (MSc), Neuroscience
2016 - 2017
Grade: Distinction
Activities and societies: Student Representative
Thesis: "The role of MH in infection-sensitised neonatal hypoxia ischemia" (Distinction)



What do we do at F.INSTITUTE

As boutique financial service provider in the LSH, Deep-tech & Life Sciences industry

/01 Lay the groundwork for financial control

Our **Operational Finance services** and reporting services give you peace of mind and actionable insights.

/02 Fractional CFO support to implement your strategy

F.INSTITUTE **delivers fractional CFO's** & services with industry & financial expertise/ experience

/03 Maximize your chances to secure a deal

Our Capital Advisory Department supports with **raising (venture) capital, M&A, licensing** and other corporate finance activities

Working at F.INSTITUTE

Start-up CFO [Life Sciences]

Full-time / Part-time

· Hybrid (Remote/On-Site as Required)

Manager Accounting

Full-time / Part-time

· Hybrid (Remote/On-Site as Required)

The Secret Vacancy for 2026

Analyst/ Associate CFO
in Belgium or the NLs

Educational Background:

Bachelor's or Master's degree in finance, business administration, or a related field.

Alternatively, a degree in Life Sciences with strong financial acumen.

Experience:

Experience with start-ups or scale-ups

Familiarity or direct exposure to Life Sciences businesses is a significant advantage.

Skills:

Strong analytical, strategic, and financial modelling skills.

Ability to navigate complex transactions, including fundraising and M&A.

Commercial acumen and a track record of driving business growth.

Exceptional communication and relationship-building skills, with the ability to connect with entrepreneurs and investors.

Mindset: Entrepreneurial spirit, results-driven, adaptable, and collaborative, with a passion for innovation and continuous improvement.

<https://finstitute.homerun.co/#vacancies>



Conclusion

Valuable Skills Transfer

Life science graduates bring analytical and problem-solving skills that are valuable in finance careers.

Opportunity Recognition

Understanding financial industry opportunities helps life science graduates identify rewarding career paths.

Continuous Learning

Ongoing education and experience are essential for success in the dynamic finance field.



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