Key to the FT Masters in Finance post-experience rankings 2013

Weights for ranking criteria are shown in brackets as a percentage of the overall ranking.

Salary today US$ (20): average alumnus salary three years after graduation, US$ PPP equivalent. Includes data for the current year and the one or two preceding years where available.*

Salary increase (20): average difference in alumnus salary between before the masters to today. Half of this figure is calculated according to the absolute salary increase, and half according to the percentage increase relative to pre-masters salary – the figure published in the post-experience table.*

Value for money (3): calculated according to alumni salaries today, course length, fees and other costs, including the opportunity cost of not working for the duration of the masters programme.*

Careers (7): calculated according to the career status of alumni three years after graduation. Progression is measured according to seniority level and the size of company alumni are working in now.*

Aims achieved (3): the extent to which alumni fulfilled their goals or reasons for doing a masters.*

Placement success (3): effectiveness of the careers service in supporting student recruitment, as rated by alumni.*

Employed at three months % (3): percentage of the most recent graduating class that had found employment within three months of graduation. The figure in brackets shows the percentage of the class for which the school was able to provide data.

Women faculty % (3): percentage of female faculty. For the three gender-related criteria, schools that have 50:50 (male/female) distribution receive the highest possible score.

Women students % (3): percentage of female students on the masters.

Women board % (2): percentage of female members on the school advisory board.
International faculty % (5): calculated according to faculty diversity by citizenship and the percentage whose citizenship differs from their country of employment - the figure published in the table.

International students % (5): calculated according to the diversity of current masters students by citizenship and the percentage whose citizenship differs from the country in which they study - the figure published in the table.

International board % (3): percentage of the board whose citizenship differs from the school’s home country.

Faculty with doctorates % (6): percentage of full-time faculty with doctoral degrees.

International mobility (7): calculated according to changes in the country of employment of alumni between graduation and today.*

International course experience (7): calculated according to four criteria that measure international exposure during the masters programme.

Course length (months): minimum length of the masters programme

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