

A photograph of a large, classical-style building with a central dome and multiple windows, set against a blue sky with clouds. The entire image is overlaid with a blue tint and a grid of white dashed lines with small crosshairs at the intersections.

**SMU Cox**  
Career Management Center

# EMPLOYMENT REPORT

MS Finance Program Class of 2025

# SUCCESS STARTS AT SMU COX

## Equipping World Changers with Tools for Success

At SMU Cox, we do more than prepare you for business—we empower you to lead with purpose and impact. As an MS student, you'll gain more than just academic knowledge; you'll experience hands-on learning, personalized guidance, and a network that grows alongside you throughout your career.

Our mission is to equip you with the skills, relationships, and mindset needed to thrive in a dynamic and rapidly changing business environment. From day one, you'll build meaningful connections with world-class faculty, collaborate with diverse peers, and immerse yourself in one of the nation's most vibrant business hubs—Dallas, Texas.

## MS Career Advisory Board

Imagine having an experienced alumnus from your own program, who is actively working in the industry you're targeting, guiding you through your career journey. The MS Career Advisory Board pairs students with accomplished alumni who provide personalized mentorship and career advice. This connection offers invaluable insights into your chosen field, helps you navigate the job market, and ensures you make the most of your time at Cox.

## Dedicated 1:1 Coaching Support

Cox provides dedicated 1:1 coaching support to ensure you receive personalized career guidance. Our expert career coaches are available to help you refine your career strategy, perfect your resume, sharpen your interview skills, and navigate the job search process. With tailored advice and coaching, you'll be prepared to confidently pursue internships and full-time roles, equipped with the skills and confidence to thrive in today's competitive job market.

## Managing Your Career Course

As part of the MS program, the Managing Your Career course is designed to help you develop the tools and strategies you need to succeed in your job search and build long-term career success. This interactive course offers experiential learning opportunities, connections with the Cox community, and guidance to confidently pursue your professional goals. Beyond securing your next role, it provides a lifelong framework for career growth, strategic pivots, and new opportunities.

**Brandy Dalton**  
*Senior Director of BBA & MS  
Career Programs*



# CLASS STATISTICS

92%

OF GRADUATES  
ACHIEVED CAREER OR  
EDUCATION OUTCOME  
WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF GRADUATION\*



92%

OF GRADUATES  
ACCEPTED A  
FULL-TIME JOB  
WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF GRADUATION

\*(e.g., Accepting a full-time job, short-term job, pursuing graduate school)

\$80.5K

AVERAGE  
BASE SALARY

11.2K

AVERAGE  
SIGNING BONUS

45%

REPORTED RECEIVING  
SIGNING BONUS

## MY COX STORY

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This community didn't just teach me finance; **it helped me grow and gave me the confidence to feel capable in the business world.** To say SMU Cox transformed me is an understatement, as it truly changed the trajectory of my career.

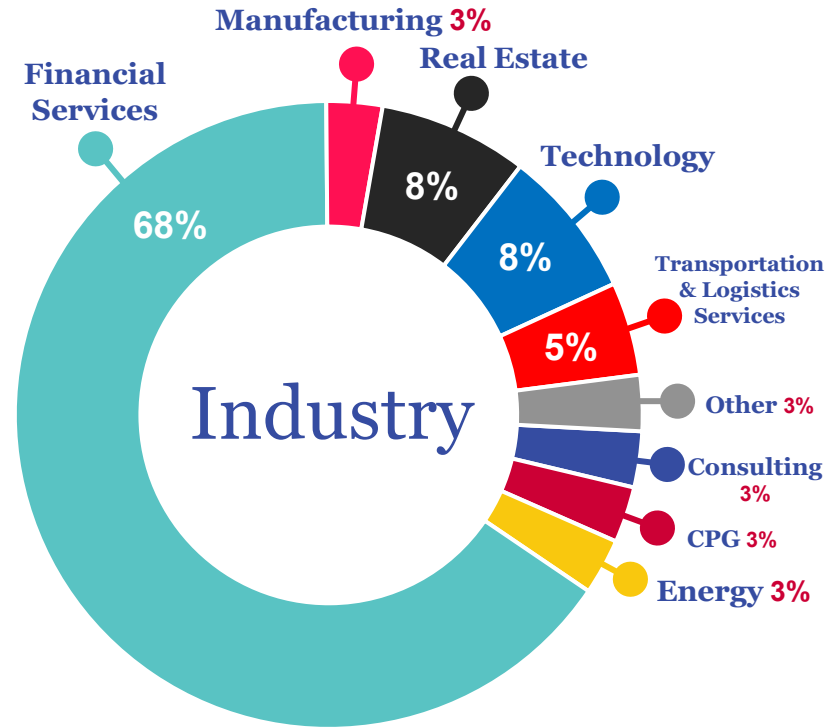
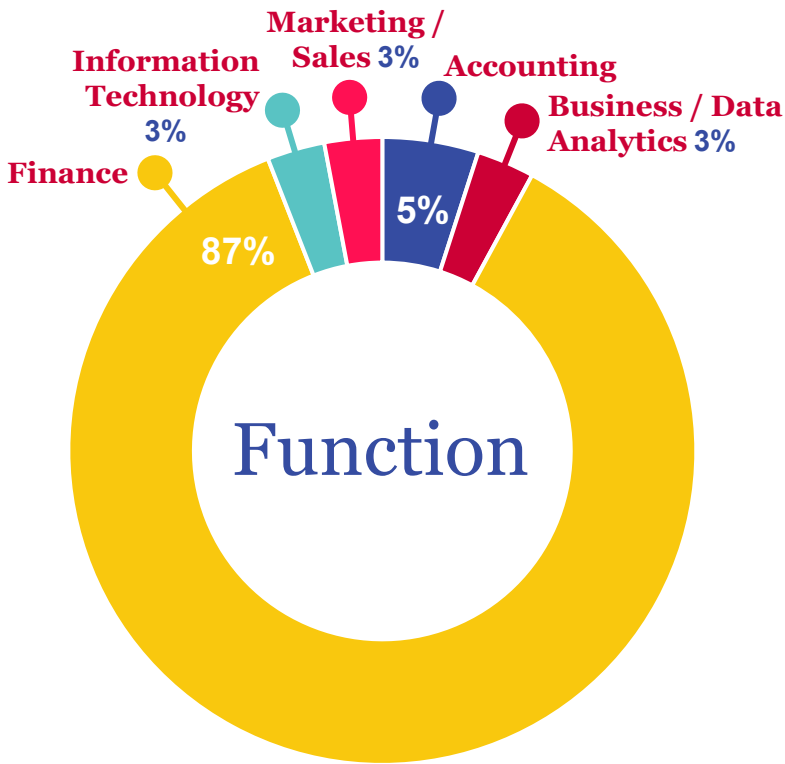
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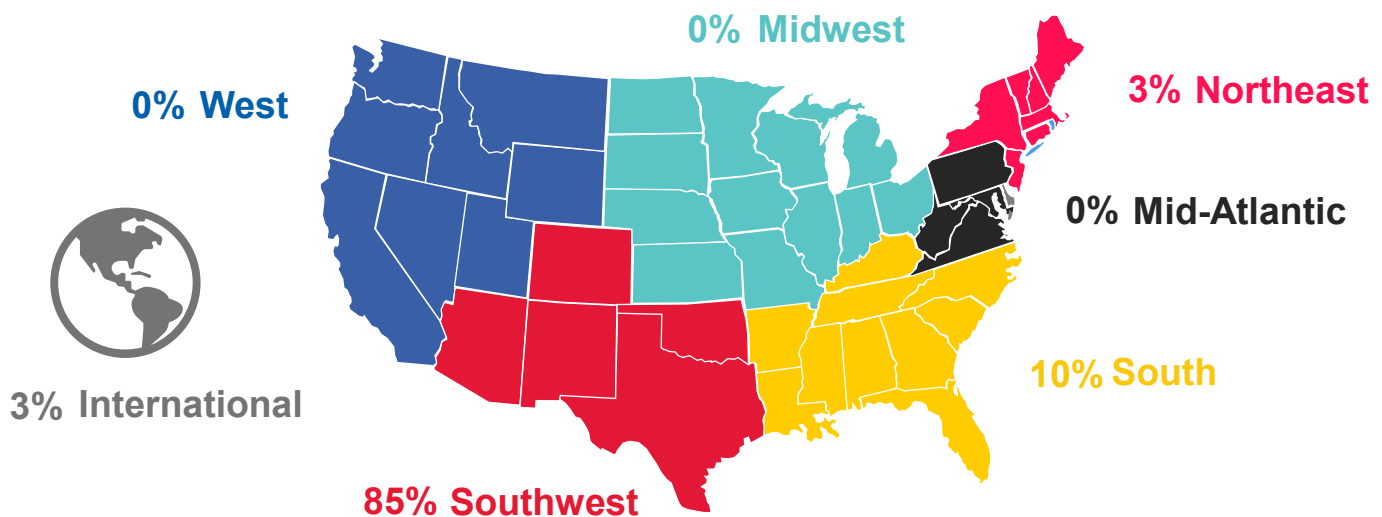


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# CLASS STATISTICS - JOB PLACEMENT



## GEOGRAPHY



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# HIRING COMPANIES

**A Sample of Employers Where at Least One Student Across All MS Programs Secured Full-Time Employment**

3E Management

Crowe

LP Analyst

ACORE Capital

Deloitte

Mary Kay

AIG

EY

PGIM Private Capital

Alvarez & Marsal

Fidelity Investments

PMG

Amazon

Fisher Investments

Providence Investment Partners

American Airlines

Forvis Mazars

PwC

Anheuser-Busch

Frontier

Rosewood

Aon

GM Financial

RTX

Ashford Inc.

Goldman Sachs

Samsung

Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Grant Thornton

Sendero Consulting

Baylor Scott and White

Greysteel

Siemens

BDO

HF Sinclair

Southwest Airlines

Bellwether

Hines

Standish Management

Berkadia

Houlihan Lokey

Stephens Inc

Caliber Collision

iScribeHealth

Texas Capital Bank

Capital One

JLL Capital Markets

Toyota

CBRE

JPMorgan

Transwestern Investment Group

Cenergistic

K - Star / KKR

Truist

Christus Health

KPMG

Vandelay Hospitality Group

Comerica

Legends/ASM Global

Whitley Penn