

Scholarship and Internship Opportunity



About the University of Wisconsin - Madison Applied Security Analysis Program (ASAP)

The Applied Security Analysis Program (ASAP) at the University of Wisconsin School of Business is an MBA program with specialization in investments, combining traditional investment theory with real-life investment practice. The ASAP is a CFA® Program Partner (Chartered Financial Analyst) with the CFA Institute, enabling students to pursue both an MBA as well as a CFA designation.

The ASAP curriculum includes core MBA classes, courses in investments, and portfolio management and security analysis functions. The first year of the program equips the students with the tools and techniques to perform investment research, while the second year is focused on training students in the actual management of various portfolios.

Each graduate enters the investment community with the unique educational experience of learning the investment business through hands-on management of real portfolios. Beginning with \$100,000 in 1970, students now manage over \$60 million in equities and fixed-income assets.

About the Opportunity

The University of Wisconsin School of Business and the State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB) are partnering to offer an exceptional scholarship, internship, and mentoring opportunity to a female student pursuing a graduate business degree and a career in investments. The program includes:

- **Full tuition, fees, and health insurance** for the Applied Security Analysis Program (ASAP) specialty within the MBA program at the Wisconsin School of Business
- \$10,000/year stipend for 2 years (exact amount depends on hours worked)
- Hands-on investment research experience working directly for the Chief Investment Officer of the State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB), full-time during the summer and winter break and limited hours during the school years
- Mentorship and career guidance support from a senior investment manager at SWIB

The ASAP/SWIB Scholarship Program is an unprecedented opportunity to earn a MBA degree in investments at very little cost, while obtaining significant experience and high-level exposure at the 9th largest public pension fund in the US.

To be considered for this program, applicants must:

- Be a female
- Have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.4
- A GMAT score of at least 650
- 3 years of work experience
- Be a US citizen OR legal permanent resident with a valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551

Mentoring

The ASAP/SWIB Scholarship Program awardee will have the opportunity to interact closely with Dominic J. García from the Analytics and Fund Management Group of the State of Wisconsin Investment Board. Mr. García will act as a mentor to the ASAP/SWIB Scholarship Program awardee to assist and guide them with academic and career choices, challenges and decisions.

At SWIB, Mr. Garcia works with the CIO and Fund Management Group in developing Total Fund asset allocation, strategy, benchmarking and management of the \$60 billion investment fund. He has previously held positions as Deputy Chief Investment Officer at the New Mexico Public Employees Retirement Association and Fiscal Analyst for the New Mexico State Legislature, among others. Mr. García has an MPP from the University of Chicago and a BA from the University of New Mexico.

About SWIB

With approximately \$82 billion in assets under management, the STATE OF WISCONSIN INVESTMENT BOARD (SWIB) is among the world's largest institutional investors. Using a range of investment strategies across a spectrum of global fixed income, equity, and private market asset classes, SWIB's core fund has commonly beaten its benchmarks in the one, five and ten year time horizons with a combination of active portfolio management and allocation of assets to external managers.

For more information about SWIB, please visit: www.swib.state.wi.us.

SWIB is located in Madison, the capital of Wisconsin and a major Midwestern research & technology university city. The Madison area's strong quality-of-life factors include a vibrant economy; urban, suburban, and rural living options; a wide range of restaurant, nightlife, entertainment, and shopping venues; nationally acclaimed public university and public secondary school systems; Big Ten athletic events; rich cultural, recreational and outdoors offerings; and favorable cost of living. Madison, Wisconsin consistently earns top results in nationwide quality-of-life rankings, articles and surveys. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.thrivehere.org/home/living-here/living-here.aspx>

<http://www.visitmadison.com/visitors/>

Application Process

To be considered for the ASAP/SWIB scholarship, applicants must apply to the Applied Security Analysis Program (ASAP) at the University of Wisconsin School of Business: <http://www.bus.wisc.edu/asap/>.

Questions

For general questions on the Wisconsin MBA program or application process, visit their website and contact the program office:

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