Silver Scholars Program

Get the business skills to accelerate your career, straight out of college.

Yale School of Management
The **Silver Scholars** Program is an opportunity for ambitious college seniors to pursue a **Yale MBA degree** immediately after graduation and begin an accelerated career path in any industry.

The **Yale SOM Approach**

The mission of the Yale School of Management is to educate leaders for business and society. We prepare leaders to work in an increasingly complex and globalized world, in which large-scale challenges require a rigorous approach to decision making and a broad understanding of sectors and regions. Our community is collaborative, supportive, and ambitious.

As a Yale SOM student, you’ll be part of the Global Network for Advanced Management, a network of 29 top business schools. You’ll learn how to work in organizations that span cultures and time zones through Global Network Weeks, Global Network Courses, the International Experience course, and other programs.

**Careers**

The Yale SOM Career Development Office will help you examine possible career paths, develop your networking and interview skills, and pursue an internship and a post-MBA position. The Yale alumni network will serve as a resource during your job search and throughout your working life.

Silver Scholars have found extended internships at Boston Consulting Group, Motorola, Pfizer, Vanguard, Coca-Cola, CARE, Dow Jones, and the U.S. State Department, among other organizations. Their post-MBA positions include jobs at Google, Barclays Capital, Kimberly-Clark, Mercy Corps, Citigroup, British Petroleum, and the U.S. Treasury.
The Silver Scholars Program provides a strategic and purposeful start to your career. As a Silver Scholar, you will begin your MBA experience directly after earning your undergraduate degree. In your first year, you will acquire key business concepts and leadership training in our integrated core curriculum. The core curriculum teaches you to see problems from multiple perspectives, and gives you the wider context to understand how the parts of an organization fit together—and how an organization impacts the society around it. This gives you the foundation for a career in any industry, for starting your own venture, or for leadership in government or an NGO.

During your second year, you will complete a full-time internship; this extended work experience will help you put your business education into practice, develop your leadership skills, and give you a competitive advantage as you pursue a permanent position. In your third year, you will return to campus for the conclusion of the MBA program, taking electives at SOM and elsewhere at Yale in the areas that will best suit your professional aspirations.

Silver Scholars get the benefits of all Yale University resources and the practical experience of a full-year internship.
While at Yale, you will learn from SOM’s renowned faculty of scholars and active practitioners, and you’ll have the benefit of your classmates’ diverse life and work experiences. The program as a whole will enable rapid advancement in your personal and professional development.

**First Year**
Yale SOM Integrated Core Curriculum

**Second Year**
Extended Internship

**Third Year**
Yale Elective Courses
Who Are Silver Scholars?*

**Undergraduate Major**
- 38% Humanities and Social Sciences
- 21% Economics
- 16% Business
- 13% Engineering
- 7% Mathematics and Physical Sciences
- 5% Information Systems and Computer Sciences

**Geographic Representation**
- 44% Asia
- 39% North America
- 11% Europe
- 4% The Caribbean, Central, and South America
- 2% Africa, Middle East, Pacific

* Silver Scholars entering the program between 2013 and 2016.

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**Max Ventilla ’06**

**Hometown** New York City

**Undergraduate Degree** BS, Physics and Mathematics, Yale University

**Internship** Vice President of Business Development, Trader Classified Media

**Post-MBA Position** Google

**Current Position** Founder and CEO, AltSchool

“"The Silver Scholars Program allowed me to bypass the analyst phase of my career and massively accelerated my professional growth. Only a few years out of undergrad, I was working in jobs that I couldn’t have gotten otherwise."

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**Seline Chen ’18**

**Hometown** Nanjing, China

**Undergraduate Degree** B.A. History of Art, Johns Hopkins University

**Internship** Associate Consultant, Bain & Company, Shanghai

“My goal is to run cultural institutions after gaining experience in management consulting. The Silver Scholars Program is ideal. The core curriculum gave me a solid foundation in business, and the career support helped me recruit for consulting. After my internship, I'll develop specialized knowledge in nonprofit management. Meanwhile, the abundant art resources at Yale let me stay close to my passion.”

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Program Highlights

- Take Yale’s unique integrated MBA curriculum.
- Develop work experience and practical skills with an extended internship.
- Gain global perspective on the most complex issues facing organizations in all sectors.
- Join a diverse class of talented and accomplished peers.
- Learn from renowned faculty.
- Expand your network and draw on the resources of Yale University.

Admission to the Silver Scholars Program

Current college seniors, with a graduation date on or after December 1, 2017, are eligible to apply to the Silver Scholars Program. We are looking for accomplished and ambitious students who are ready to move quickly toward leadership positions.

The application deadlines and requirements for prospective Silver Scholars are the same as for other MBA applicants.

**Application Deadlines**

**Round 1**
September 13, 2017

**Round 2**
January 4, 2018

**Round 3**
April 18, 2018

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