FINANCE HONOR’S CAPSTONE PROJECT

A capstone is a final project that highlights your skills as a future leader in finance as well as analytical thinker and a problem solver. In finance honors program’s Capstone project, you will work with a non-profit organization to learn how they define their mission and make their mission work. You will also see how their finance department operates and understand their key financials. Hence, you will learn how they raise funds and manage their money. Even though you will concentrate in operation of finance department you should be able to speak more broadly about non-profit organization. You will assist with on-going project that may require extensive data collection, analysis, and literature review. The project will be directly related to finance.

The final Capstone project has three participant groups that come together to deliver Capstone project: non-profit organization, finance honors students, faculty advisors. Each of these group members has responsibilities within the group as well as for each other.

You will find expectations below from student, faculty advisor, and non-profit organization.

**Student**

- Discuss the details of the project with the non-profit organization
- Available for communication with non-profit organization as well as with faculty advisors.
- Three on-site visits to non-profit organization
- Contribute to ideas and planning
- Have positive and helpful attitude
- A willingness to work with group members
- Contribute to overall project success
- A finished project which helps the non-profit organization to achieve its mission.

**Non-Profit organization**

- An actual and feasible finance project
- An identified person from the non-profit organization who engages with students on a regular basis.
- Good communication with Capstone team
- Feedback to faculty advisor during the project.
- Provide evaluation to faculty advisor of the Capstone group members at the end of the semester.

**Faculty Advisor**

- Provide a good learning environment for students by helping them build on their skills through Capstone project.
- Provide resources to the students as necessary to ensure that the project is moving forward to successfully completion.
- Dedicate several seminar class meetings to discuss the progress of the project.
- To act as a liaison between Capstone group and the non-profit organization.
- Provide feedback/comment to student’s proposals during and at the end of the project.