Key to the ranking

Weights for ranking criteria are shown in brackets as a percentage of the overall ranking. All criteria (except research) are based on data from alumni working in finance only, three years after graduation.

Salary (20): average salary three years after graduation, US$ PPP equivalent.

Salary increase (20): average difference in alumni salary before the MBA to now. Half of this figure is calculated according to the absolute salary increase, and half according to the percentage increase relative to pre-MBA salary — the “salary percentage increase” figure in the table.

Value for money (5): calculated using salary today, course length, fees and other costs, including lost income during the MBA.

Career progress (5): calculated according to changes in the level of seniority and the size of company alumni are working in now, compared with before their MBA.

Careers service (5): effectiveness of the school careers service interns of career counselling, personal development, networking events, internship search and recruitment, as rated by their alumni.

Aims achieved (5): the extent to which alumni fulfilled their stated goals or reasons for doing an MBA.

Work in finance (5): proportion of alumni working in finance, three years after graduation.

Stayed in finance (5): proportion of students who worked in finance before their MBA and remain in finance.

Moved to finance (5): the proportion of those who did not work in finance before but do so now.

International students (5): percentage of students in finance from overseas.

Female students (5): percentage of female students in finance.

International mobility (5): based on alumni citizenship and the countries where they worked before their MBA, on graduation and three years after graduation.

FT research rank (10): calculated according to the number of articles published by full-time faculty members in 5 financial journals between Jan 2015 and Oct 2017.