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Editor's Note

We're excited to release the **2025 edition of our Master's Development Program Ranking**, now in its 6th year! A sincere thank you to the students, universities, and employers who have contributed to this ongoing effort and helped us track the evolving landscape of early-career opportunities.

This year marks a new milestone, with student engagement reaching an all-time high - the highest number of views since the launch of this ranking. This growing interest reflects the increasing demand for structured, purpose-driven career paths among Master's students around the world.

Employers continue to adapt their programs in response to shifting student priorities, with a strong focus on global relevance, sustainability, and skill-building in areas like data, digital transformation, and agile leadership. Programs that offer clear progression, international exposure, and inclusive cultures are gaining the most traction.

As always, our aim is to bring transparency to the market and empower both students and employers to make informed, strategic decisions. If you're looking for deeper analysis or benchmarking at the program level, we're here to help. We hope you find this year's ranking insightful and inspiring!



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What are Development Programs?

Structured, intense, and often rotational, Development Programs are fast-track programs within companies to develop and groom high-potential future roles.

They vary a lot from one program to the next as each company tailors its programs to its specific needs: structure, duration, experiential experiences, function focus, rotations, mentorship and coaching, on-the-job and formal training, etc.

However, what all of them have in common is the objective to shape and grow the future top leaders of these organizations, and therefore, the rigorous selection criteria to attract and recruit the right candidates.







Our Unique Data

We track every Development Program, worldwide. We add new programs, archive old ones, and update current ones through monthly manual checks, regular connections with companies, as well as on-going automatic processes to alert us of any intermediary changes.

We have two directories of development programs:

- Our flagship directory of all MBA Leadership Dev Programs, on <u>MBA-Exchange.com</u> with all the programs that are suitable for MBAs and in some cases for experienced Masters students
- Our early-career directory of development programs, on <u>Careernomics</u> for early career students with no or little prior work experience

This report looks exclusively at the programs on Careernomics.





^{*} Another 1000+ programs are monitored but archived as no longer active and relevant for our candidates.



How we ranked the DPs?

This report ranks 906* development programs between June 1st, 2024 and May 31st, 2025, based on student views.

It is divided in several sections with corresponding sub-rankings. Namely we have analyzed it as follows:

- Global rankings
- Top Development Programs by Industry
- Top Development Programs by Business Area
- Top Development Programs by School Location





^{*} These are the programs that are today still active and/or open for applications. The programs that no longer exist are not taken into consideration.





2025 Ranking of Masters Development Programs OVERVIEW

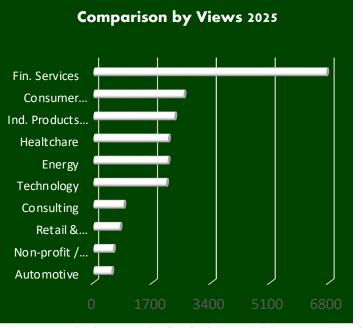




Most Popular Industries

Worldwide



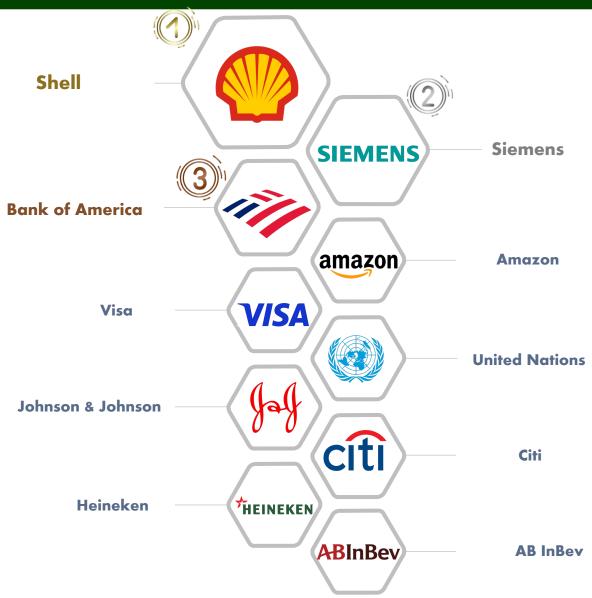


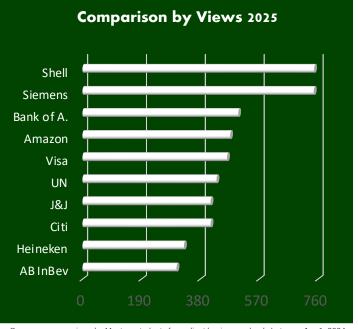


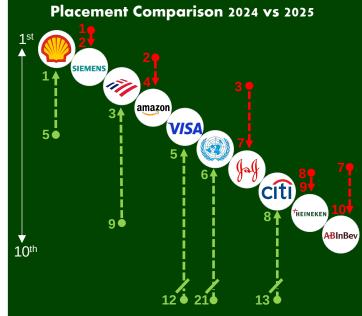


Most Popular Employers

Worldwide



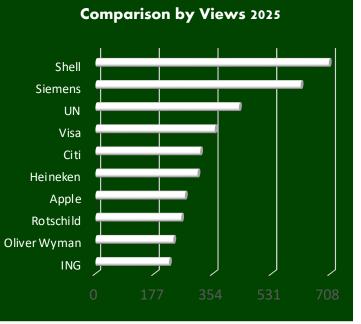


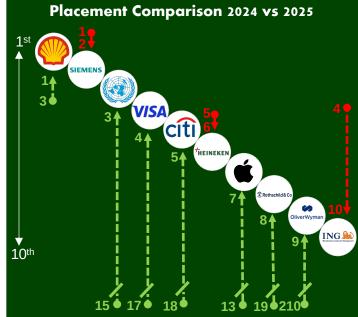




Top Programs Full-time & Internships

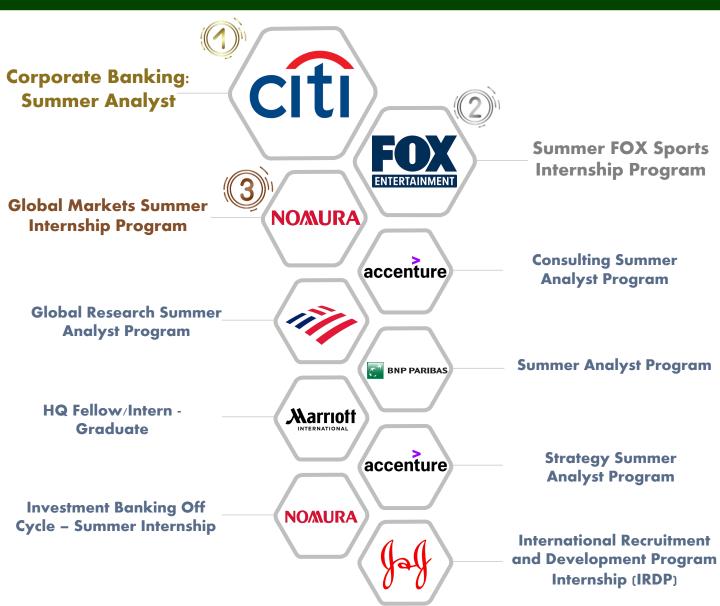


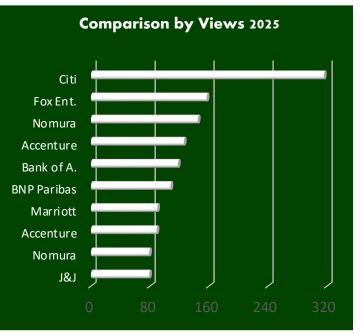


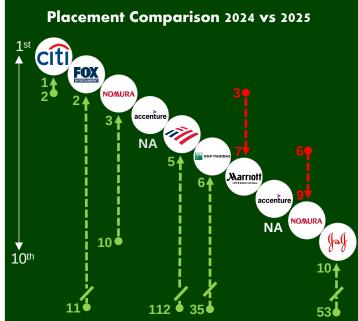




Top Programs – Internships











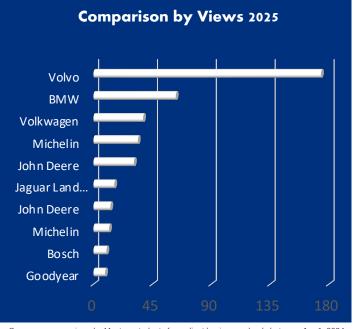
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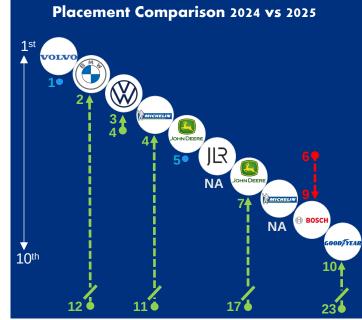




Top Programs in **Automotive / Transportation**



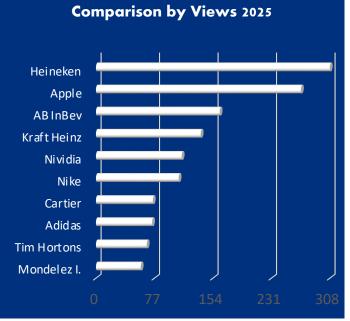






Top Programs in Consumer

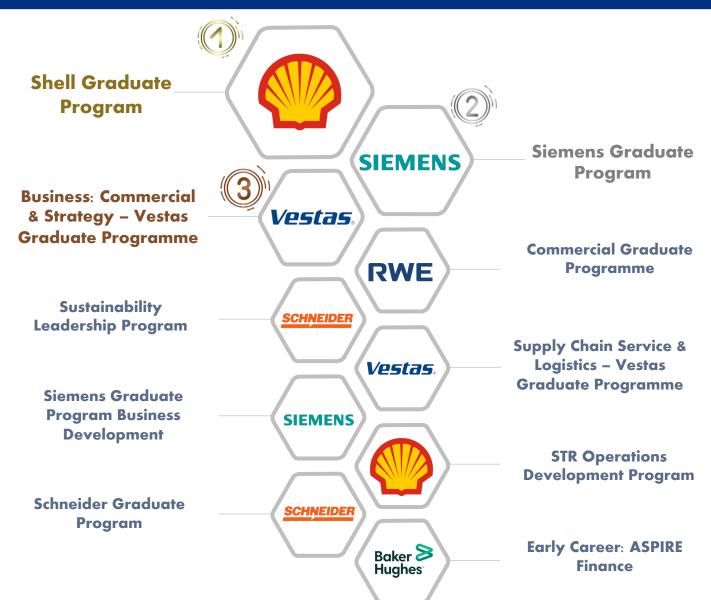


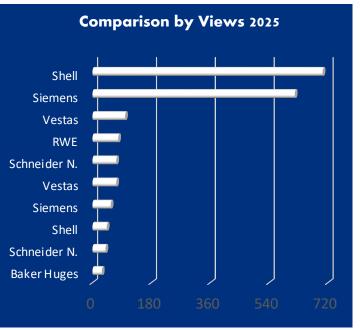


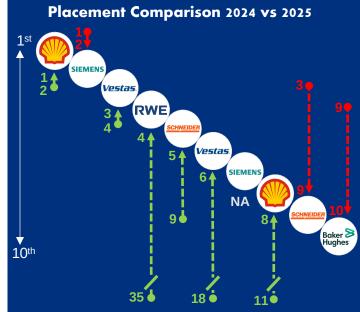




Top Programs in Energy



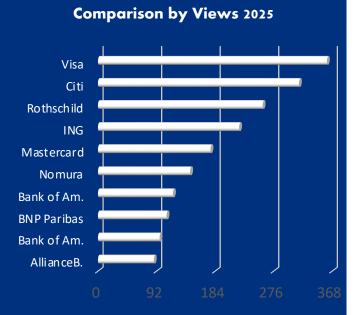


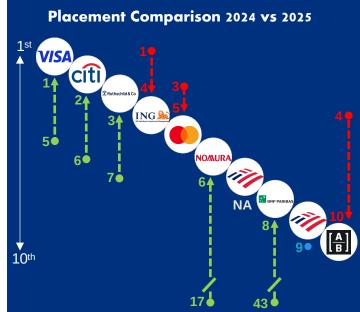




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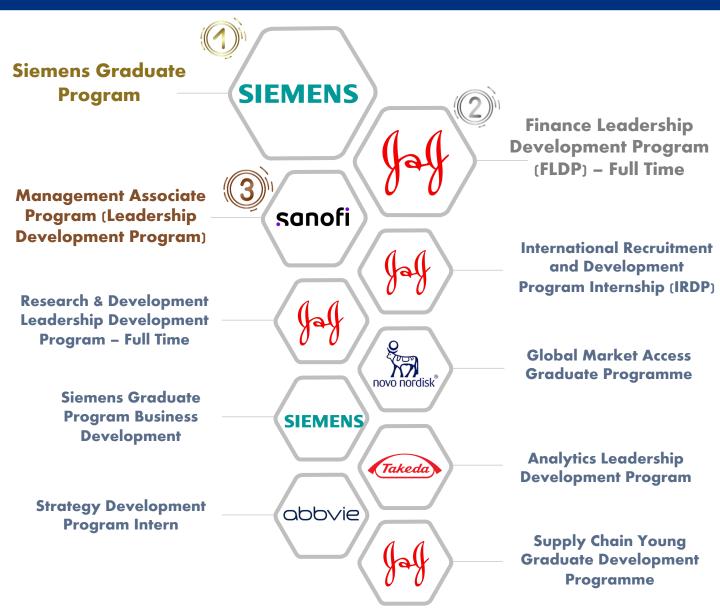


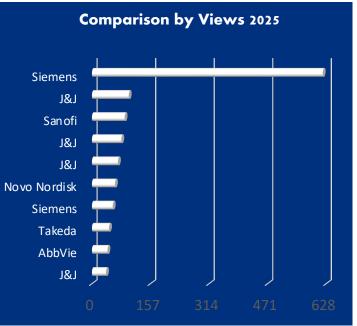


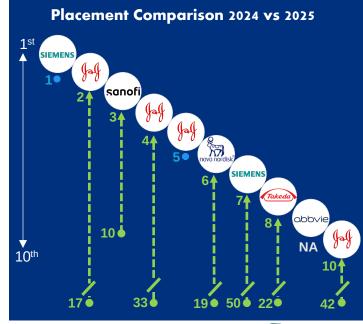




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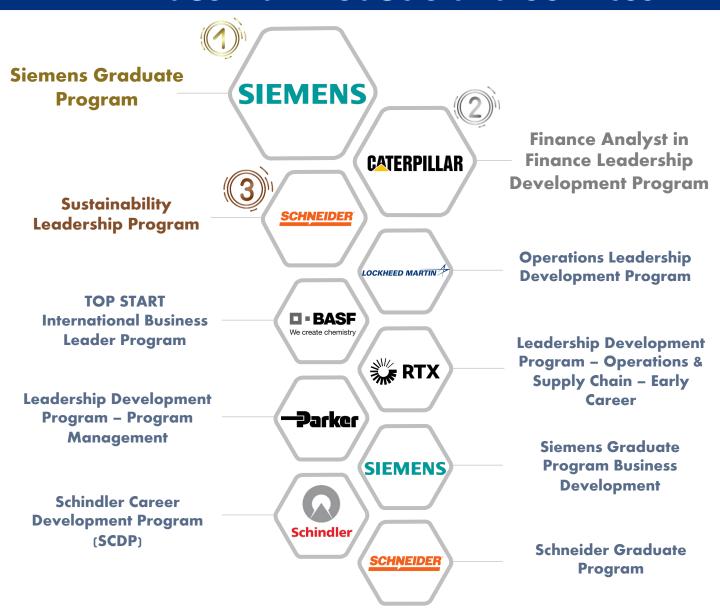


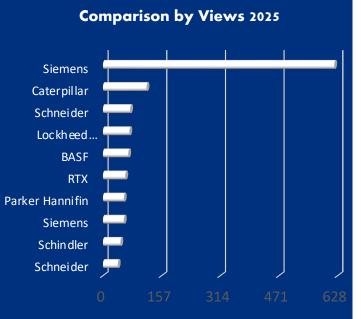


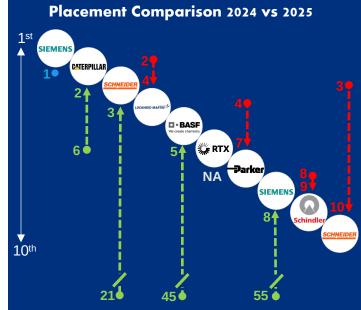




Top Programs in Industrial Products and Services

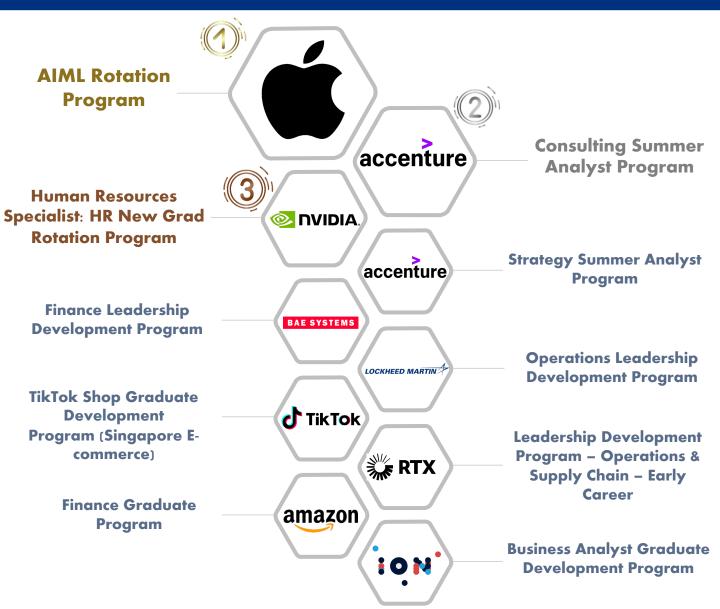


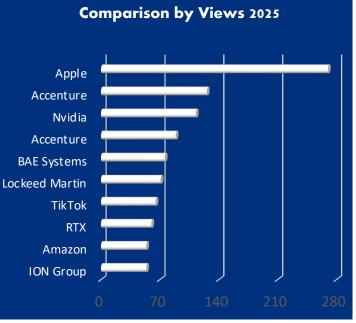


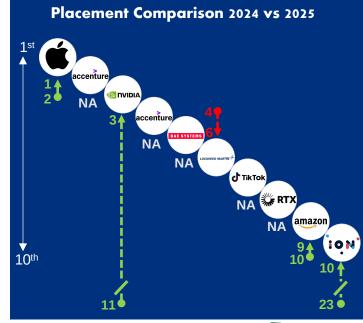




Top Programs in Technology



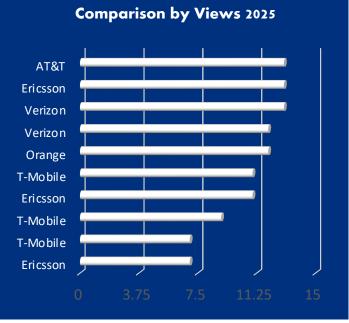


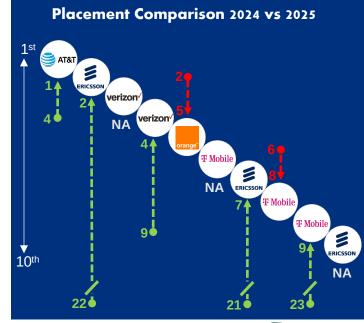




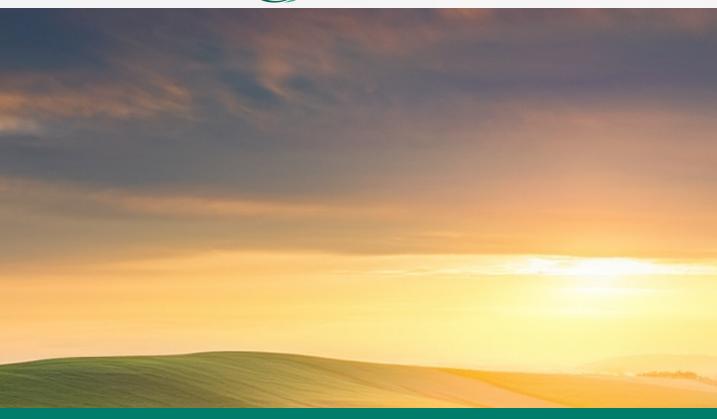
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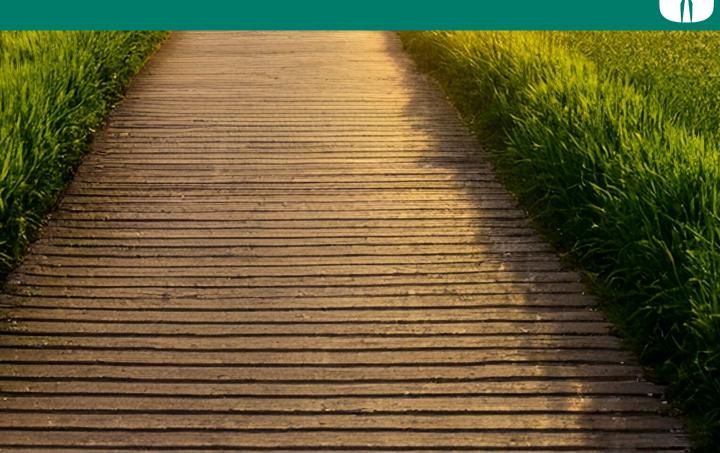








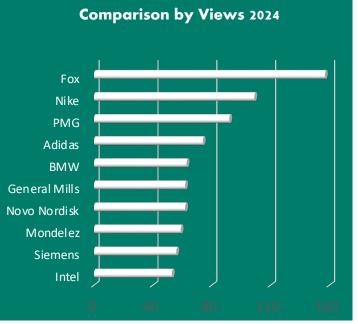
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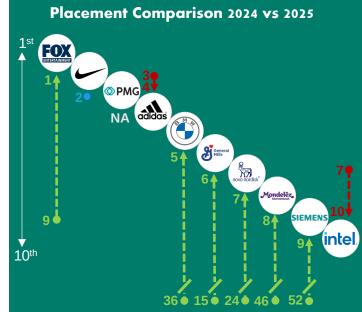




Top Sales & Marketing Programs

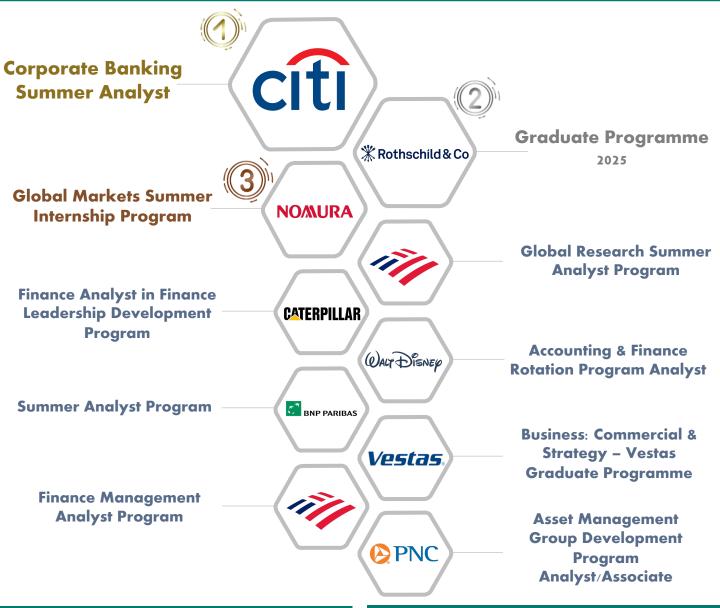


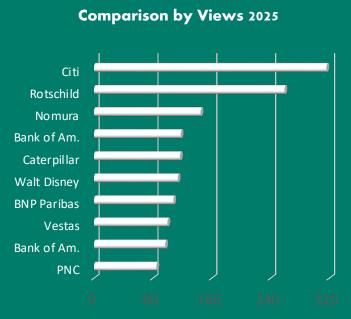


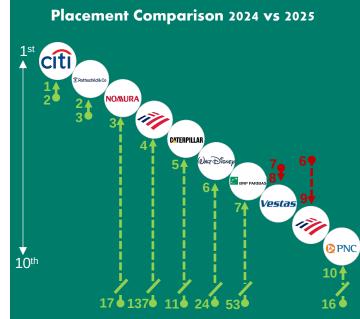




Top Finance Programs

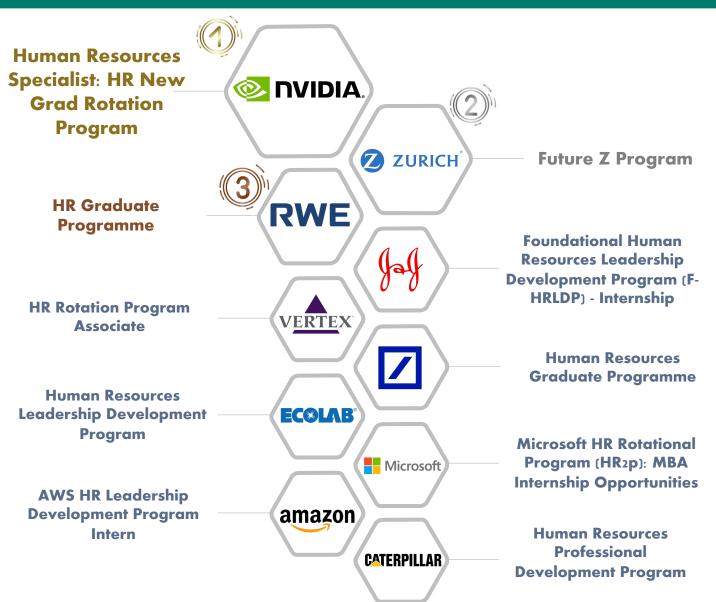


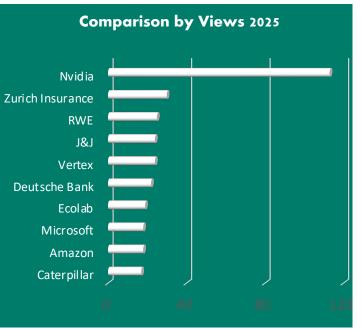


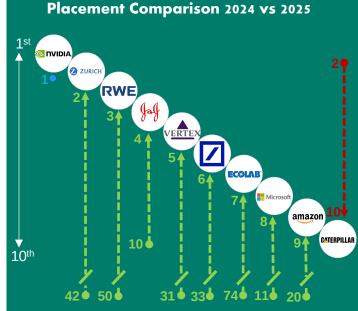




Top Human Resources Programs



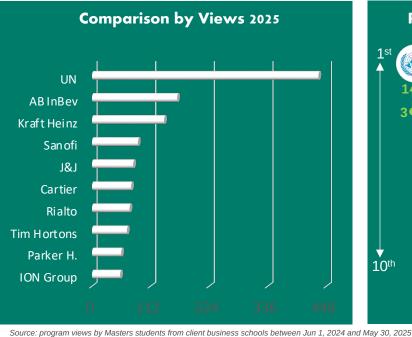


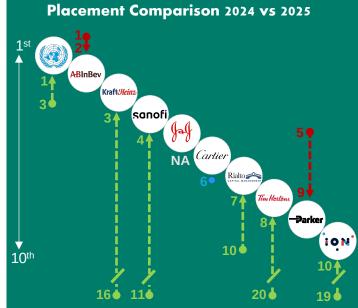




Top Management Programs



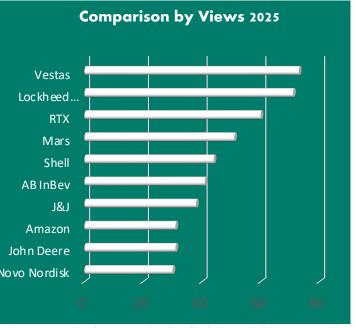


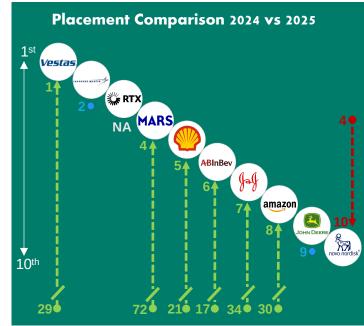




Top Operations Programs

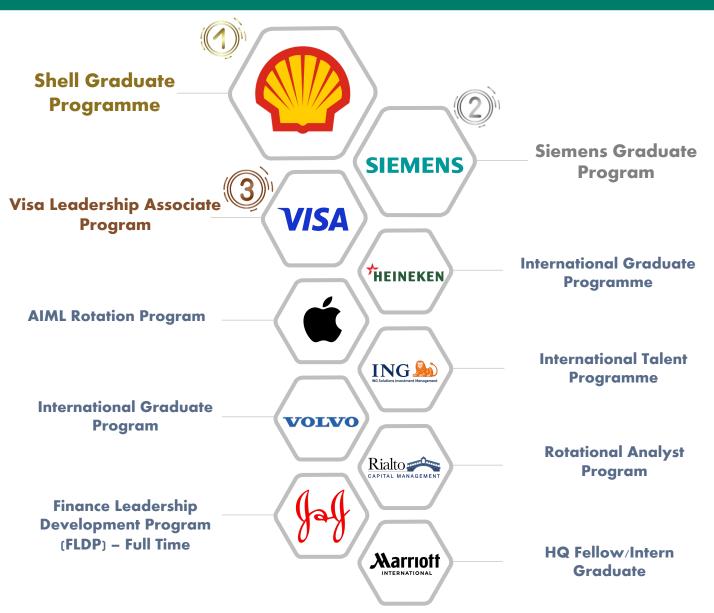


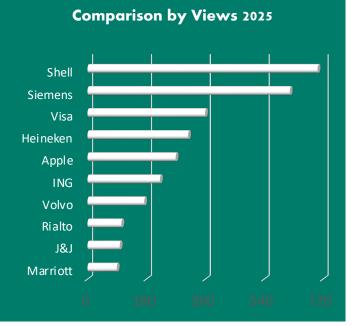


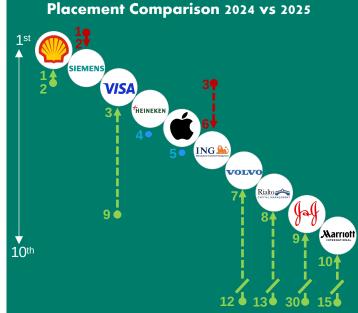




Top Rotational Programs

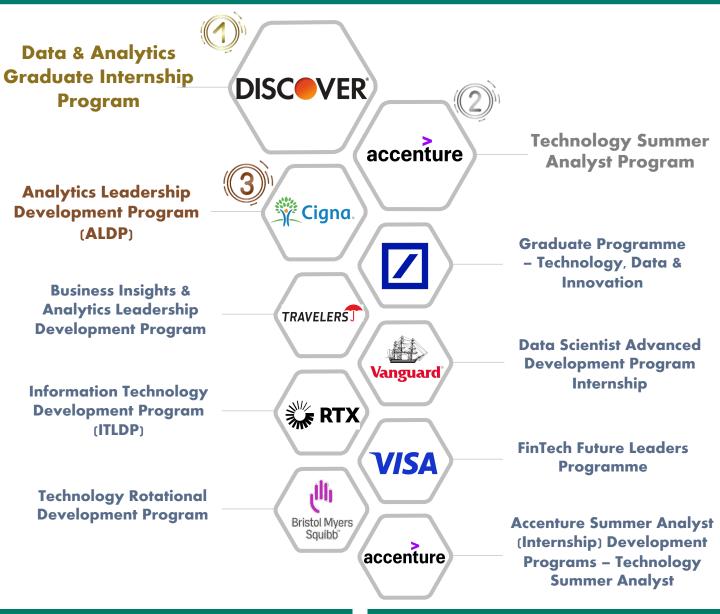


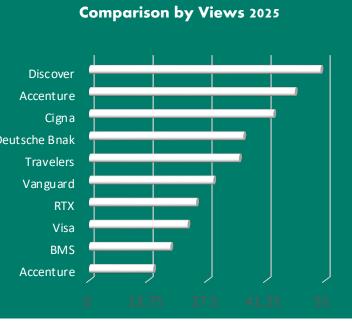


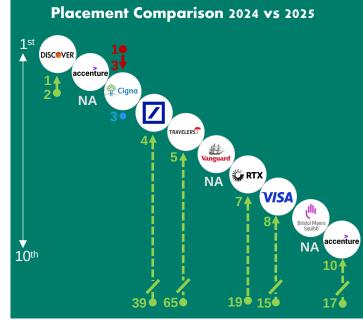




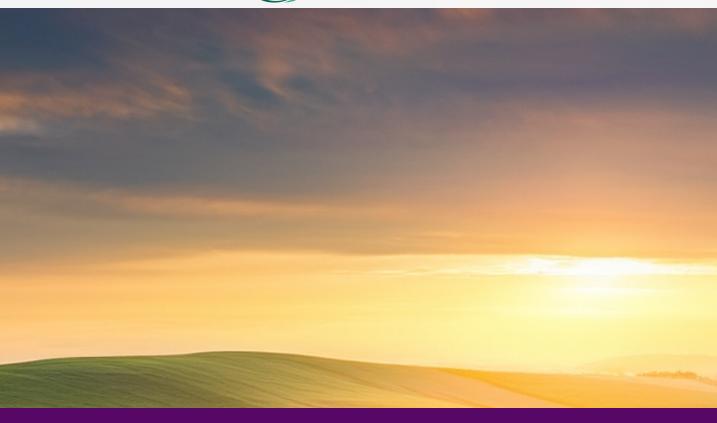
Top Technical Programs









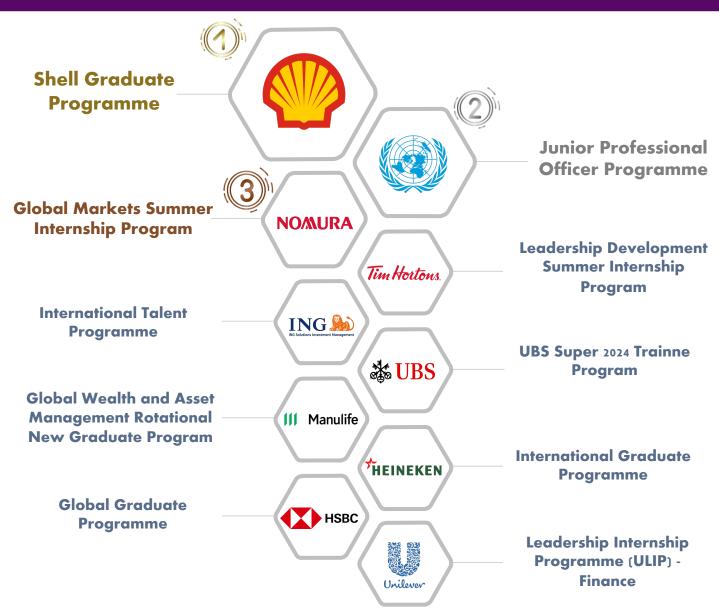


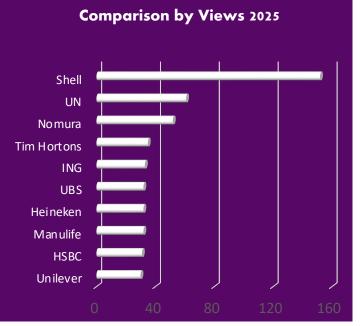
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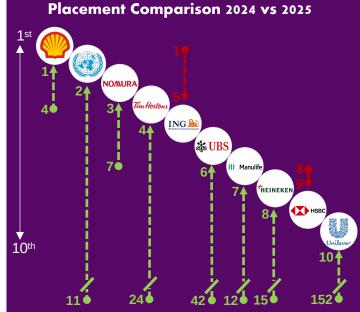




Top Programs in Asia

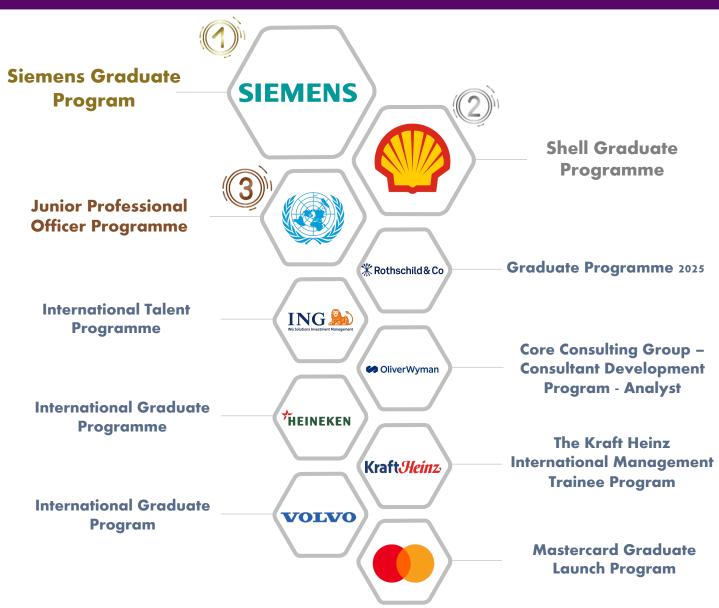


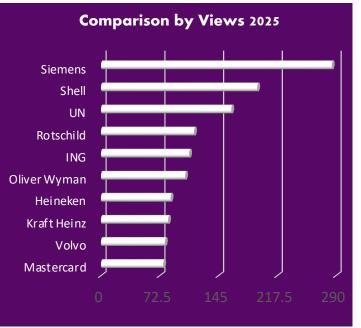


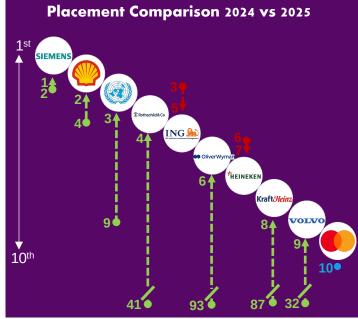




Top Programs in Europe



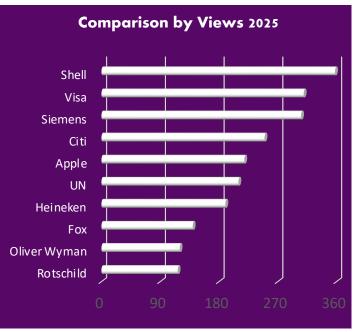


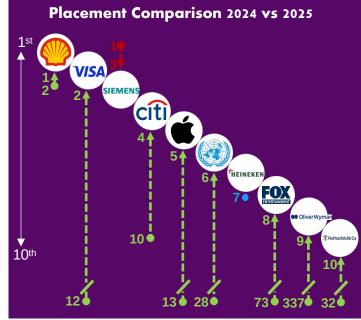




Top Programs in North America









Recommendation to the Students

Remember that Masters Development Programs aim to make outstanding leaders out of the people who are leaders already.

We therefore advise you to:

- Provide solid evidence of leadership qualities
- Avoid a technical CV
- Showcase initiative, leadership, drive, people skills, resourcefulness, humility, emotional intelligence, etc.
- Research the programs and identify the right ones for you
- Demonstrate a perfect fit with your target program (hard skills, soft skills, as well as personality)

Want to go deeper?

We offer an interactive Bootcamp specifically focused on Development Programs (DPs) — what companies look for, what to expect on a program, how to position yourself effectively, and stand out in the selection process.

Get in touch to bring this opportunity to your school!





About Careernomics

We provide Masters and Bachelor students and other early-careers professionals with **Insights** they need for the **Careers** they want, pulling from +25 years of experience and tailored services.

For Schools – Empower Students, Elevate Careers

- Help your students (and alumni) gain the Insights they need for the Careers they want
- Expand Career Exploration
- Multiply access to Jobs, Development Programs and Employers
- Provide more options for your **International Students**
- Manage your school's activity

For Employers - The Partner You Need for the Talent You Want

- Identify and Attract top Talent
- Strengthen your Employer Brand
- Engage and Recruit in real-time
- Leverage your Talent Pool
- Post Jobs and search our Candidate Database

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