

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Civilian Force Career Roadmap for Enterprise Leaders

"Force Development develops foundational and occupational competencies in all Airmen through education, training, and experience opportunities to satisfy current and future Air Force mission requirements."

- DAFI36-2670, Total Force Development

The FM civilian roadmap depicts the corporate view of the typical employee. You should consider personal choices and the availability of employment opportunities in developing realistic career expectations. The typical career path makes it incumbent on you to take advantage of experiential, educational, and training opportunities. This will improve your opportunities for progression along your chosen career path.

Experience

Develop a strong foundation in

TACTICAL (GS 1 - 9/Equivalent)

institutional and occupational competencies to increase your financial management proficiency. Apply for positions emphasizing different duties. This variation enhances your growth potential.

Education & Training

Earn your bachelor's degree in a related field. Maximize local training opportunities and look for distance learning courses to enhance your skills. Earn your DoD FM Certification Level 1 and, if applicable, your Acquisition certification.

Experience

As you continue to build your breadth

OPERATIONAL (GS 10 - 13/Equivalent)

of skills and related competencies, leverage your potential through career broadening positions, Education with Industry, Joint opportunities, or other experiential rotations/details.

Education & Training

Continue to pursue educational opportunities, like earning a master's degree, earning relevant test-based certifications, and applying for Intermediate Developmental Education. Complete the appropriate DoD FM Certification Level and, if applicable, complete the requirements for DAWIA certification.

Experience

Expand your breadth (Control of experience through

STRATEGIC (GS 14 & Above/Equivalent)

of experience through cross-functional leadership positions. Seek opportunities to gain strategic decision-making experience through deployments and fellowships.

Education & Training

Seek Senior Developmental Education opportunities like National War College or the Eisenhower School. Complete the appropriate DoD FM Certification Level and continue enhancing your skills through opportunities such as Senior Developmental Education.

Leadership

Your ability as a leader can be further honed through deliberate development built upon **experience**, **education**, and **training**. Any Airman can be a leader and positively influence those around them to accomplish the mission. Effective leadership motivates and inspires by creating a vision of the end-state and keeps Airmen moving in the right direction to achieve it. Grow your competence in leading by volunteering on the board of professional organizations, becoming a supervisor, or engaging as team lead on smaller projects. Use this roadmap, in tandem with the **FM Values Target** wheel, to identify opportunities in education, training, and leadership and always discuss growth opportunities with your supervisors and mentors.

