

The investment banking recruiting timeline

A preparation guide with employer-sourced London examples. Planning windows are labelled separately.
Reviewed 8 September 2026.

North America - Summer 2027 CHECK ROLES

Check each employer now. This guide does not establish that every 2027 role is closed; openings and graduation-date requirements vary by firm, team and location.

WHEN	WHAT HAPPENS, AND WHAT TO DO
September 2026 onward - planning	Search employer portals for remaining summer, off-cycle and regional opportunities. A closed programme at one bank is not evidence that the whole market is closed. Record the role URL, eligibility, deadline and rolling-assessment wording. If a suitable role is closed, prepare for the next eligible cycle while checking alternatives. <i>Planning guidance - not a published deadline</i>

EMEA / London - Summer 2027 PUBLISHED EXAMPLES

The following London examples were published on the employers' pages at the review date. Check the live role before applying; they do not cover all EMEA programmes.

WHEN	WHAT HAPPENS, AND WHAT TO DO
17 August - 20 September 2026	London summer internships in M&A and Private Funds Group. Check the relevant team and its eligibility before submitting. <i>Source: Evercore</i>
31 August - 11 October 2026	London summer internships in Debt Advisory, Restructuring and Real Estate Strategic Advisory. These desks have a different window from M&A at the same firm. <i>Source: Evercore</i>
17 August - 1 October 2026	London summer internship in Private Capital Advisory. Use the desk-specific deadline in your application tracker. <i>Source: Evercore</i>
Apply by 11 October 2026	Global Investment Banking 2027 Summer Analyst - London. The page lists degree completion between June 2027 and July 2028 and availability from June to August 2027. The employer assesses applications on a rolling basis and recommends applying early; the closing date is not the start of assessment. <i>Source: Bank of America</i>

North America - Summer 2028 AHEAD

Plan according to the graduation dates in each role. Students graduating in 2029 may be eligible for many 2028 summer programmes, but an employer's published requirements control.

WHEN	WHAT HAPPENS, AND WHAT TO DO
Autumn 2026 - planning	Build a target list, prepare a resume and practise technical questions. Begin monitoring employer portals now. This is a preparation target, not a claim that all banks open in a particular month. <i>Planning guidance - not a published deadline</i>
When each role is published	Review eligibility and the actual application window. Interview stages and technical tests vary by employer. Add the published deadline to your tracker and apply once your materials are ready. Keep preparation going while applications are reviewed. <i>Planning guidance - not a published deadline</i>

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Use the 2027 examples to plan preparation, not to infer a confirmed 2028 deadline.

WHEN	WHAT HAPPENS, AND WHAT TO DO
Summer / autumn 2027 - projection	A planning window for checking the next London summer cycle; 2028 dates have not been verified for this guide. Start checking employer pages before this period. Replace the estimate with the published role dates as soon as they appear. <i>Planning guidance - not a published deadline</i>

How to use this guide

Build a tracker and keep it current.

Track the role, team and location

Store the direct role link, eligibility, opening date, closing date, assessment policy and application status.
Different teams at one firm can have different windows.

Prepare before applications open

Have a clear resume, examples of your work and practised technical explanations ready. Early preparation gives you time to improve them without a deadline approaching.

Respect rolling assessment

Where the employer says it reviews applications as they arrive, apply early once your application is ready. Do not assume that an advertised deadline guarantees spaces remain.

Recheck dates and eligibility

A saved guide is a dated snapshot. Reopen the employer's page before relying on a deadline; application windows, available teams and graduation-date requirements can change.

Published examples and planning estimates are different. Exact application windows above cite the employer. Planning rows are suggestions, not verified deadlines. Check the live role before relying on this guide. Reviewed 8 September 2026.

- Evercore - Students & Graduates, Europe & Asia - <https://www.evercore.com/careers/students-graduates/students-graduates-europe-asia/>
- Bank of America - Global Investment Banking 2027 Summer Analyst, London - <https://careers.bankofamerica.com/en-us/students/job-detail/14522/global-investment-banking-2027-summer-analyst-london-london-united-kingdom>

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