

# A Day in the Life of a Quantitative Risk Management Analyst

## Here's what you can expect in our full-time Rotational Associate Program.

We asked Analysts who've been through this career-path program to answer the most frequently asked questions about this position. Steven, in Cleveland, Ohio, shared some experiences as a Quantitative Risk Management Analyst.

### Q. What is your typical day like in this Program?

Each department handles Rotational Analysts a bit differently. Some groups will give you frequent face time with your manager, consisting of many short-term assignments. Others may have you meet once a week or less and consist of rotation-long projects. Every department gives Analysts the opportunity to network with senior employees in different departments and work on projects that add value to Key in some way.

### Q. What areas can Analysts rotate through in this program? And, how many rotations do you go through?

Quantitative Risk Management Analysts have the opportunity to rotate through four groups: Market Risk, Model Risk, Credit Portfolio Management, and Risk Modeling & Analytics. This program consists of two 6-month rotations.

My first rotation was in Market Risk. I had several daily tasks, most of which involved benchmarking parts of the trading portfolio to external sources. I was also assigned projects that lasted the length of my rotation, or longer.

My second rotation (where I currently am) is in Model Risk. Most of the work in this department consists of long-term projects. I have performed several validations of models in use by the bank, consisting of checking for conceptual soundness and other standards.

### Q. What is the typical career path for someone who starts as an Analyst in this program?

Following the second rotation, the typical career path involves long-term placement into one of the four Quantitative Risk Management departments (or in special circumstances, another department). After several years in that role, Analysts are typically offered the role of Associate, and most employees who go through the program tend to change their department to take advantage of openings.

### Q. What would you say are the most important traits an Analyst needs to be most successful in this program?

There are three traits that are a definite advantage for an Analyst to have:

- **Be willing to learn** – It doesn't matter how much you know when you come into the program. Learning is part of the job, and every department will have different things to learn. Managers would rather have analysts willing to ask questions and admit when they don't know something than an analyst who pretends to know everything and then gets lost.

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- **Be open to meeting new people** – The training program will have you working alongside every rotational program, not just your own. Don't limit your network to the analysts in your group as the other groups all have unique perspectives and skill sets that can benefit you and your career.
- **Be ready to have fun** – Just because you're getting paid to be here doesn't mean you can't enjoy yourself. Key consistently brings in some of the top talent in the area, people who are fun to work with and can drastically improve your experience at Key.

## **Q. What is your favorite part of being an Analyst in this program?**

This program gives Analysts an opportunity to see different parts of the Risk Management framework at Key. If you were to directly place into, say, Risk Modeling and Analytics, you might not get to see what Market Risk does on a day-to-day basis. This rotational program allows Analysts to learn about two of the departments directly and the other departments through your fellow Analysts in those groups.

## **Q: What do I need to know before applying for the program?**

**Preferred Majors:** Mathematics, Statistics, Financial Engineering, Economics, Business Analytics or related field of study.

**Minimum GPA:** Minimum cumulative 3.3 GPA, 3.5 GPA or above preferred

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