

# PORTFOLIO IMPLEMENTER



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**“The world of banking and financial services is open to everyone. If you have a keen interest in current affairs and enjoy working with numbers this could be the profession for you.**

You can take a variety of routes into the industry. There are two main ones: either straight from school or via university. Both have their own advantages. You can join straight from school, where you can gain knowledge from a junior position and work your way through the ranks, or you can enter the industry post-graduation once you have developed the skills required on your university course.

To work in this industry it's preferable to have a numerical background - when choosing A-levels, or other relevant qualifications, I'd advise to consider courses involving numeracy.

There is always the scope for professional development and there are a number of industry qualifications available to help you learn more and to aid career progression.

Communication, the ability to work in a team and interpersonal skills are all highly valuable in banking; these are skills that can be learnt and honed in everyday life.”

## WHAT THEY DO

To assist in the daily operational activities of a company which include equity trade replication, fund trading and portfolio implementation. Providing portfolio implementation support for the Portfolio managers and Traders, as it applies to their specific products.

## DUTIES

- Generate trades as directed by the Portfolio Manager
- Monitor the investment portfolio
- Understand and Utilise the in-house Portfolio Management System
- Produce reports and management information as required
- Review accounts to determine cash constraints. Monitor cash flows in and out of portfolio and work closely with PM to bring account back in line with their designated model
- Monitor accounts to determine uniform performance between all accounts within a particular mandate
- Full and open communication with members of the operations team, outside custodians and various other co-workers in both London and global offices to resolve open issues promptly and accurately

## SKILLS

- Strong analytical capabilities
- Understanding of operation systems and of trading terminology
- Ability to work flexible hours
- Excellent communication skills with the ability to interact effectively with people at all levels of the organisation
- Strong numeracy skills and attention to detail
- Strong PC skills especially Excel and good understanding of core systems

## POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- International Banks
- Financial Investment and Fund management firms
- Specialist Brokers
- Private Banks with Wealth Management Arms

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Back Office Clerk
- Middle Office Analyst
- Portfolio Implementer
- Senior Portfolio Implementer

## INCOME

- Starting salaries range from £24,000 to £30,000 a year
- With experience and appropriate qualifications, earnings can be £45,000 to £80,000 a year
- Annual bonuses are common and are based on personal and company performance

## HOW TO GET THERE

You will need to be numerate and you will normally be expected to have a 2:1 degree. Any degree may be accepted, but some employers prefer a management, business, economics, financial or numeracy related subject.

Individual employers will specify their exact academic requirement and preferred degree subject. Investment Management Certificate (IMC) qualification.

## TOP UNIVERSITIES

- 1 Warwick
- 2 London School of Economics
- 3 Oxford
- 4 Cambridge
- 5 University College London

## SOURCES

[www.jobisjob.co.uk/fund-manager-assistant/jobs](http://www.jobisjob.co.uk/fund-manager-assistant/jobs)

[www.charterquest.co.uk/jobs/923292/portfolio-implementer](http://www.charterquest.co.uk/jobs/923292/portfolio-implementer)

[www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobprofiles/Pages/stockbroker.aspx](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobprofiles/Pages/stockbroker.aspx)