# Advanced Financial Modeler (AFM) Fast Facts

## ABOUT FINANCIAL MODELING INSTITUTE (FMI)

FMI is the world's only financial modeling accreditation body. Founded by the need to strengthen and validate financial modeling skills, candidates receive access to learning resources and the opportunity to sit proctored, rigorous financial modeling exams. FMI's  and accreditations are relevant for professionals working in asset management, equity research, investment banking, private equity, business development, venture capital, and other areas of finance and accounting.

## ADVANCED FINANCIAL MODELER (AFM) ACCREDITATION

The Advanced Financial Modeler (AFM) accreditation is FMI's flagship program.

Candidates demonstrate world-class financial modeling skills by building a 3-statement financial model of a company from scratch during a 4-hour proctored online exam.

- Relevant for any finance or accounting professional involved in forecasting
- Candidates join the online FMI Community to access self-study learning resources and prepare to sit the proctored online accreditation exam
- Learning materials include 15-hours of step-by-step video tutorials, practice exams and other resources
- No prerequisites
- Time commitment of 25-75 hours, depending on prior modeling experience
- Standard Price: $725 USD

Visit the FMI website: www.fminstitute.com/afm

## WHY A FINANCIAL MODELING ACCREDITATION?

Financial modeling has become one of the most important skills required by finance and accounting professionals globally. A well-planned and effectively designed financial model can tells a critical story that helps make optimal business decisions.

Unfortunately, most financial models are a mess. They are badly constructed, poorly designed, and often contain errors and inconsistencies. They do not adhere to best practices.

With FMI's Advanced Financial Modeler (AFM) accreditation:

**Professionals** acquire the skills and confidence to build best-in-class financial models as required by their roles; and

**Employers** are assured that the modelers on their projects are capable, competent, and have achieved a recognized standard of modeling proficiency.

**Having a competent modeler build the model ultimately decreases the risk in the modeling process.**

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**OPPORTUNITY FOR CFA SOCIETY MEMBERS: EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNT**

Financial modeling is a discipline that requires knowledge and skill. The only way to master a skill is through practice.

AFM accreditation holders have LEARNED and DEMONSTRATED that they have acquired the SKILLS and DISCIPLINE to build best-in-class models that AVOID ALL THE ERRORS commonly found in models.

CFA society members receive **20% off** the standard price of the Advanced Financial Modeler (AFM) Program.

**WHEN IS THE AFM EXAM OFFERED?**

The AFM exam is a rigorous, proctored experiential online 4-hour exam. Exams are offered 4 times a year. Upcoming exam dates:

February 21, 2026 I May 9, 2026 I July 11, 2026 I October 24, 2026

**WHAT DO CFA SOCIETY MEMBERS GET?**

CFA society members will be able to:

- Validate their ability to build a 3-statement financial model of a company from scratch
- Create a financial model that can be used as a critical decision-making tool
- Use a financial model as a powerful communication tool to clearly and effectively tell the story of a company
- Demonstrate the technical modeling skills most valued by employers, clients and stakeholders

**WHAT DO EMPLOYERS GET?**

When professionals are AFM accredited it:

- Increases the confidence and competence for those who are building the models
- Speeds up the modeling process
- De-risks the modeling process and increases the likelihood that models will be error-free and can support optimal decision making.
- Reduces frustration and doubt that arises from working with a sub-optimal tool

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