



BE SPECIFIC ABOUT YOUR LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES

If this timetable seems reasonable, this means the earliest you could go after your president's title is when you are already forty-nine! What's more, you might be in your mid-fifties before you really have enough of the right experience under your belt to shoot for your long-term goal. At this point in time, then, you might well come to the conclusion that your original goal just isn't in the cards. After all, you've been out of school twelve years and you are still a financial analyst. There's always the possibility that you might skip a step, of course, like moving directly from chief financial officer to president. But you have to ask yourself the likelihood of this occurring. And it's not much. The secret of this simple exercise in climbing the corporate ladder is to be totally realistic. No point in fooling yourself that you can skip certain rungs, or that you won't need as much time in each as the average person. If you're totally honest with yourself, you can avoid some pretty unrealistic decisions in going after your next job and each job after that. [Read More](#) Where can you find the most Financial Analyst jobs? [Click here](#).

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