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**MULTIYEAR
WINNER**



2017-2025

LARGE EMPLOYERS: 100 TO 499 EMPLOYEES

AQR Capital Management

Headquarters: Greenwich, Conn.
AUM: \$143 billion as of June 30
U.S. employees: 455

THREE COOL THINGS:

■ Offers development opportunities via its Quanta Academy, including leadership programs, mentoring and manager bootcamp training. Hosts Sum of the Parts sessions to learn about key initiatives as well as fireside chats with founders to keep employees connected.

■ Builds connections through traditions like Pub Quizzes hosted by principals, Halloween Kids Day, and a “Pickles or Slaw” interview series featuring senior leaders, along with regular events including food truck socials and summer ice cream Wednesdays.

■ Pays 100% of premiums for medical, dental and vision coverage, parental leave, volunteer time off, and adoption benefits. A wellness allowance supports fitness memberships or mindfulness programs, complemented by ergonomic workspaces and wellness events.

EMPLOYEES SAY:

- “I have worked at other firms and I’ve never had as capable and supportive manager. The culture at AQR is not cutthroat — it is highly collaborative. Additionally, there is a sense of interdisciplinary work. We are encouraged to interact with other teams and not be siloed.”
- “Really smart but humble people. Big opportunities for career growth and learning and development. Truly collegial environment with pay structures that actually encourage collaboration.”
- “Incredible innovation with an academic, research-focused culture. No ego whatsoever. Management trusts their employees — I feel more autonomous here than anywhere I’ve worked previously.”

— Esther Luz and Caryl Anne Francia



AQR Capital Management's popular Pickles or Slaw interview series helps employees get to know the people leading the firm.

AQR was recognized as one of the Best Places to Work in Money Management for 2025. The Pensions & Investments' annual survey ranks firms based on responses to employer and employee questionnaires. Employee responses accounted for 80% of the total score, employer responses accounted for the remaining 20%. Pensions & Investments' “Best Places to Work in Money Management for 2025” does not evaluate client experience or advisory services offered.