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## Investment Property Forum Postgraduate Dissertation Prize 2017

**In 2013, Investment Property Forum (IPF) established a Postgraduate Dissertation Prize, to be awarded annually to the student who produces the best investment-related dissertation, worthy of a 'merit' or above, on each of the postgraduate courses recognised by the IPF.**

### Background

The mission of the Investment Property Forum (IPF) is to enhance the understanding and efficiency of property as an investment. Research and education have been at the forefront of the Forum's activities.

IPF research is funded through its Research Programme, one of the largest of its type in the UK. The educational offering of the IPF is via regular, frequent seminars and workshops and for those wishing to undertake more formal, post-qualification education, the IPF offers the Investment Education Programme (IEP), run by the Henley Business School at University of Reading.

In addition to the IEP, there are a number of other postgraduate courses that the IPF recognises as providing the relevant skills necessary for those operating in the property investment/finance market. Students on these courses qualify for free IPF membership during their studies, subject to a maximum period of three years. Graduates are then invited to become IPF members, providing they have a minimum of two years' relevant experience in the property investment and/or finance industry.

The recognised courses are:

- **University of Aberdeen** - MSc Finance and Real Estate
- **University of Cambridge** - MPhil Real Estate Finance
- **Cass University Business School** - MSc Real Estate Investment
- **University College of Estate Management (CEM)** - MSc Property Investment (NOTE: The course has been discontinued by the University so it is not recognised for the purposes of the Dissertation Prize)
- **Heriot-Watt University** – MSc Real Estate Investment and Finance
- **London School of Economics** - MSc Real Estate Economics and Finance
- **Nottingham Trent University** – MSc International Real Estate Investment and Finance
- **Oxford Brookes University** – MSc Real Estate Investment Finance
- **University of Reading** - MSc Real Estate Finance
- **University of Reading** - MSc Real Estate Investment and Finance
- **University of the West of England** - MSc Real Estate Finance and Investment (NOTE: Diploma Course not recognised for the purposes of the Dissertation Prize)

## **Postgraduate Dissertation Prize**

The IPF Postgraduate Dissertation Prize is awarded to the best dissertation by a student on each of the recognised courses listed above. The Prize is intended to provide further support for educational courses about property investment and/or finance and to help foster closer links with academic institutions.

The Prize would also be open to PhD candidates who meet the Prize criteria and successfully complete their thesis at the institutions running the recognised courses.

### **Criteria and management of the Prize**

An annual Prize of £500 per course will be available to be awarded, subject to the following criteria:

- The dissertation should be related to property investment and/or finance;
- The evaluation of dissertations and recommendation for the Prize will be undertaken by the academic department of the University concerned, overseen by the academic head of the course;
- The dissertation should, in the view of the University, be worthy of a 'merit' or above;
- The academic head of the course will submit a soft copy of the successful dissertation to the IPF's Education Strategy Group for review before the Prize is awarded. The submission must be accompanied by a completed form, available from the IPF website - [www.ipf.org.uk](http://www.ipf.org.uk) – or Sue Forster, Chief Executive (contact details below);
- The Prize must be awarded within 12 months from the date of the Submission; and
- The IPF reserves the right not to award a prize or prizes for any reason whatsoever.

### **Further information**

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