



## Investment Property Forum Postgraduate Dissertation Prize 2020

**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.

As part of its mission to increase the level of education amongst those operating in the property investment/finance market, the IPF recognises a number of postgraduate courses as providing the required skills. 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. If appropriate, this experience can be gained while they are studying on their postgraduate course.

The recognised courses are:

- **University of Aberdeen** - MSc Finance and Real Estate
- **University of Cambridge** - MPhil Real Estate Finance
- **University of Cambridge** - MSt in Real Estate
- **Cass University Business School** - MSc Real Estate Investment
- **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

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

### **Management of the Prize**

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

- The dissertation **must** relate to property investment and/or the financing of property development/investment. Where specific property sectors are covered by the research, these **should** reflect the interests of the IPF, i.e. within the commercial and large-scale 'alternative' property investment sectors, including institutional residential investment property;
- 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 (written within the last 12 months) should, in the view of the University, be worthy of a 'merit' or above;
- The course director will submit a soft copy of the nominated 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);
- Any student and course director contact details provided by the university/student will be used by the IPF for the sole purpose of administering the Prize;
- The IPF reserves the right to decide not to award a prize or prizes, and this decision is final.

### **Further information or any queries relating to the Prize**

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