

Institute announces 3 new Centres of Excellence**18 September 2017**

The Chartered Banker Institute (the Institute) is delighted to announce the University of Exeter Business School, Newcastle University Business School and Nottingham University Business School as three new Centres of Excellence.

The Institute looks forward to working with Exeter, Nottingham and Newcastle by welcoming all their university learners on an accredited programme, to become Student members of the Institute during their studies; collaborating on areas of research, which are of interest to our members; and holding jointly branded events, which will provide opportunities to bring together academics and banking professionals to share knowledge and experience.

The Institute's Centres of Excellence initiative was launched in late 2015. It provides a formal framework for collaboration with universities, enabling appropriate degrees (usually at masters level) to be recognised within our membership or qualification structure, and to be formally accredited by the Institute.

This now brings the number of confirmed Centres of Excellence to seven¹ with several other academic institutions currently seeking approval from the Institute to become Centres of Excellence.

Simon Thompson, Chief Executive of the Chartered Banker Institute commented:

"I am hugely encouraged to see three more highly respected academic institutions joining our Centres of Excellence initiative. It is yet another example of the increasing influence of the Chartered Banker Institute and its growing membership of over 30,000."

Dr Angela Christidis, Director of Education in Finance at the University of Exeter, said:

"We are delighted to be named a Centre of Excellence, and also that our MSc Marketing and Financial Services courses have been accredited by the Chartered Banker Institute. This will support students in their progress towards successful careers in the banking industry. We are looking forward to sharing findings from our world-leading research with the members of the institute."

¹ The Institute's 7 Centres of Excellence are Bangor University, Cass Business School, The University of Edinburgh, Exeter University, Leeds Business School, Newcastle University Business School and Nottingham University Business School

Sara Maioli, MSc PhD, Director of Postgraduate Studies and Lecturer in Economics from Newcastle University Business School added:

“Here at Newcastle University we have always put strong emphasis on the responsiveness of our programmes to those trends and issues in global financial markets and services. For this reason we are extremely delighted we can now benefit from a close collaboration with the Chartered Banker Institute, as we reckon it will enable the Business School to develop tighter links with the banking industry, and to keep our programmes up-to-date with the skills and competencies that employers really value. We are really excited that Newcastle University Business School becomes a Chartered Banker Institute’s Centre of Excellence and we are confident that our students will benefit immensely from this development.”

Professor James Devlin, Dean of Nottingham University Business further added:

“We are delighted to become a Chartered Banker Institute Centre of Excellence and to further strengthen our relationship with the Institute. The development is a recognition of our excellence in the areas of research and teaching in banking and engagement with the banking and finance community. Our M.Sc. In Banking and Finance continues to go from strength-to-strength and the Centre for Risk, Banking and Financial Services based in the Business School provides a focal point for our research in the area. The Chartered Banker Institute has a crucial role to play in promoting ethics and professionalism in the banking sector and in improving levels of trust and confidence on the part of the public. We look forward to working with the Institute and to contributing to this mission in any way that we can.”

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Notes for Editors

About the Chartered Banker Institute

The Chartered Banker Institute (“the Institute”) is the oldest professional banking institute in the world. The Institute was founded in 1875, operates in all UK nations, and has a significant and growing international presence

The Institute has driven an agenda of ethical professionalism throughout its existence; promoting professional standards for bankers, providing professional qualifications for retail, commercial and private bankers in the UK and overseas, and offering professional membership to qualified individuals. The Institute currently has over 30,000 members and in 2016, nearly 170,000 individual bankers met the Chartered Banker: Professional Standards Board’s Foundation Standard.

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