



Travel Fellowship and Masters/PhD Enrolment Opportunity – UCT, Cape Town, South Africa

This opportunity is for students who would like to compete for a place in the Masters in Risk Management of Financial Markets program at the University of Cape Town (UCT) in 2017. Upon successful completion of the masters program, selected candidates may be enrolled in the PhD program at UCT in collaboration with researchers at the University of New South Wales (UNSW Australia).

Selection into the program will be conducted over the Southern African Finance Association (SAFA) Conference in Cape Town (13-15 January 2016) and a Student Symposium (16 and 18 January 2016).

Potential candidates are invited to submit a summary (up to two A4 pages, 12 pt. font) of a research proposal they would undertake if eventually admitted to the PhD program.

To be successful, applicants must meet UCT entry requirements and will typically have graduated (by December 2016) with a (4-year equivalent) undergraduate degree in finance or a related quantitative discipline such as accounting, economics, mathematics, or statistics. Preference will be given to candidates with the highest grades.

Next steps:

- Submit your research proposal and copies of your degree transcripts to info@bmcmarkets.com by 9pm (GMT) on 27 November 2015
- Selected candidates will be invited for telephone/Skype interviews.
- UCT will make the final selection of candidates to attend the SAFA Conference and Student Symposium.
- Limited funding may be provided to successful invitees from outside South Africa covering airfares, accommodation, subsistence, and conference fees in Cape Town for the period 12 – 18 January 2016.
- Successful candidates will be expected to participate fully in the SAFA Conference as well as the planned student activities, including a presentation of their research proposals to senior UCT and UNSW Australia faculty (further information to be provided to shortlisted candidates).

Background information

This opportunity is an initiative by Professors [David Taylor](#), Director of the [African Collaboration for Quantitative Finance and Risk Research](#) (ACQuFRR), and [Jerry Parwada](#), Head of School – Banking and Finance, at [UNSW Business School in collaboration with BMC Markets](#). Collectively, we aim to facilitate the development of finance and risk management research expertise in Africa.