

INFINZ 2016 Conference Student Scholars

As part of our program to reach out to students, the Board has provided for twelve senior finance students to attend the INFINZ Conference on a heavily subsidised basis.

Senior finance students from universities around New Zealand were invited to apply for the INFINZ Scholarships. Applicants needed to have good grades in finance related subjects but the students also had to demonstrate leadership aptitude and a sincere desire to forge a career in the capital markets industry. Many of the selected students have, for example, had leadership roles in their respective Investment Clubs.

The profiles of the twelve selected INFINZ Student Scholars are given below. Please consider them for internships and other employment opportunities.

If you are attending the INFINZ Conference on 3 November at the ANZ Viaduct Events Centre in Auckland, then please introduce yourself to them, they will welcome your insights and experience.



STEPHEN BRUNSKILL

I'm Stephen from Waikato University in my penultimate year of a BMS majoring in Finance and Agribusiness, Treasurer of the Waikato Management School Students Association, Study Abroad Network and founder of Breaking Necks Cashing Cheques.

Forex, Equity, Derivatives, and NZ Agricultural markets are my main areas of interest.

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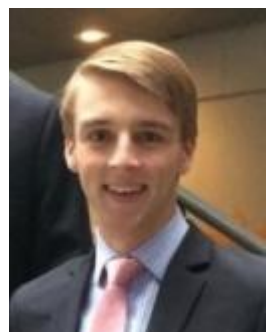
THOMAS COLES

University of Waikato (was Events Manager of WMSSA Investment Club)

Bachelor of Management Studies (BMS) majoring in finance and international management specialising in French. I'm a third year student who is looking to move into commercial and private banking. I hope to expand my knowledge of the banking sector while learning more about other finance fields from networking with the high-caliber attendees at this year's conference.

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MATTHEW FOUHY

I am in my final year of an LLB(Hons)/BCom degree at the University of Auckland. I am a senior member of the Management Consulting Club, and have competed in multiple international business case competitions.

I am particularly interested in the capital markets, and I look forward to attending the INFINZ Conference to learn more about this area of finance. I also look forward to meeting a number of senior finance professionals to learn about their experiences in the industry.

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VIJAY GOUNDER

I am Vijay Gounder, obtaining a Bachelors of Business Analysis in Finance and Graduate Diploma in Economics from Waikato University.

I belong to the Waikato Investment Club. I like dealing with money and working with people; would prefer a role in deals/consulting and want to explore the field of Finance.

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DURANDON (DJ) GOVENDER

I am a fourth year BCom/BE(Hons) student at the University of Auckland, triple majoring in finance, economics and civil engineering.

All aspects of corporate finance fascinate me, although I have a particular interest in infrastructure-related transactions - especially given the centrality of infrastructure to New Zealand's future growth.

I trust the conference will provide insight into the industry and allow me to meet a range of finance professionals.

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HILARY HICKLING

I am in my final semester of a Diploma for Graduates endorsed in Finance at the University of Otago.

I initiated and lead a Finance Forum through the University of Otago. I am also on the student board of CAFE (Centre of Accounting, Finance and Education).

I am a recipient of the CFA Program Partner Scholarship to sit the CFA Level I exam in December 2016.

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HAMISH KUMAR

I am studying towards a BCom (Hons) degree, majoring in Economics, Accounting & Finance. I also currently serve as Chairman of the University of Auckland Investment Club.

I have a strong passion for investment management and banking. I hope to gain insight as to how various roles within financial institutions interact with each other to bring about success. I'm particularly interested in the talk held by Huang Xiaoguang, especially due to his experience in the Asian markets.

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OLAYINKA MOSES

I'm a PhD Candidate in Financial Reporting & Financial Management at Victoria University of Wellington (VUW).

I served as VUW Postgraduate Students' Association (PGSA) President from October 5, 2015 to October 3, 2016. I'm the PGSA's representative on Academic Board, Academic Committee, and Member of the Victoria Honours Committee.

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DANA O'GRADY

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I am passionate about learning new ideas and trends that will impact the future, as well as challenges faced, and the translation of what I have studied into professional practice. I have a particular interest in managed funds, and am looking forward to gaining new insights from esteemed industry professionals.

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KUMIKO SATO

I have worked in Tokyo and in Europe in the area of Banking, Financial Infrastructure and marketing. I am one of 12 participants in the Skilled Migrant Programme at Victoria University. As part of this programme I am working at the Reserve Bank of New Zealand as an intern. I am interested in New Zealand's financial market and the relationship with Asia.

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PhD student (Accounting and Finance), Victoria University of Wellington. I also earned M.Com in Accounting, MBA in Financial Management, Master of Professional Accounting, and M.Com in Financial Planning.

I held the position of Executive Director, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (regulator of the capital markets in Bangladesh) with special responsibility for policy formation. I also worked in a leading merchant bank in Bangladesh.

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DAMIAN TILLEY

University of Auckland: BCom Accounting and Finance (Hons).

I am a member of the Investment Club and will be completing my Level 1 CFA Exam this December. I have a strong interest in the equity capital markets and corporate governance. 2017 will be my final year at university. I am hoping that the diverse range of speakers at the conference will help lead me in the best direction in terms of where in the finance industry I want to begin my career.

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