INFINZ 2018 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 1 November at Skycity Auckland Convention Centre in Auckland, then please introduce yourself to them, they will welcome your insights and experience.





OLIVIA FINER

Olivia Finer is a final year student at the University of Otago studying a commerce and science double degree, majoring in finance and food science.

She already has a strong interest in hedging and derivatives of primary sector exports, and hopes to learn more about New Zealand's finance sector.

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BRUNO HAACK VILAR

Postgraduate student of financial analysis at Victoria University of Wellington.

I have practiced for 9 years as a Corporate/M&A lawyer and investments in private companies are my primary interest.

I expect the Conference to improve my understanding of how NZ companies are dealing with current global challenges.

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LIAM HOGAN

I am studying a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) / Bachelor of Commerce Conjoint at The University of Auckland. I have been involved in the Investment Club since the beginning of 2017 and I have an active interest in the share markets.

As I'm just beginning my journey into the finance world I hope to gain some valuable insights and learn more about where a career in finance can take you. I'm looking forward to hearing some different perspectives and starting to develop a vast network.

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AMELIA MARLOW

I am in my final year of a BBus degree at AUT majoring in Finance and Marketing.

I am a member of the AUT Investment Club. I have a keen interest in managed funds and consulting. I look forward to hearing from a diverse range of speakers and developing a better understanding of the Financial industry from leaders in their fields.

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NICOLA MCDONNELL

My name is Nicola McDonnell, I study a Bachelor of Business majoring in Finance and Economics at Auckland University of Technology where I am also a peer leader for first year finance papers.

I am interested in New Zealand's economic growth and equality in financial opportunity in New Zealand. I am throughly looking forward to hearing from previous, current and future leaders of our finance industry.

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KEEHA OH

LLB/BCom student (majoring in Finance & Accounting) at the University of Auckland, and an Executive member of the Auckland Microfinance Initiative

I am currently a third-year student with an interest in corporate law and financial management. By attending the INFINZ Conference, I am hoping to gain valuable insights into modern economic trends and global perspectives to empower my professional learning.

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BHUMIKA PRAHALAD

I am pursuing Master's in Business and Management at the University of Waikato and also a member of its finance club.

I developed interest in financial instruments like derivatives and securities while I was working with Goldman Sachs.

The conference will help me gain valuable insights of successful individuals and leaders through interaction. I also hope to be cognizant of the recent trends in NZ's economic and financial markets.

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AMY QIAO

Amy Qiao is a research assistant, tutor and Ph.D. student in Finance at Victoria University of Wellington (VUW).

Her current research topic is on the microstructure of the U.S. Treasury market. She is also very interested in empirical topics on asset pricing and corporate finance. She hopes to gain more insights into the New Zealand financial markets.

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BEN SETO

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Ben is the treasurer of the Investment Club and will be working in the EY Infrastructure Advisory service line over the 2018 summer. He have a strong interest in the equity capital markets. 2019 will be his penultimate year at university.

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MICHAEL WILLIAMS

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My interests are for the Capital Markets and the disruption caused by $\ensuremath{\mathsf{FinTech}}$ lending.

I see this as an enriched way to discuss with professionals on their perspectives of the wider banking industry.

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