

Call for papers: FIRN Women - UQ ECR research day with Michelle Lowry

FIRN Women invites submissions from early career female academics for a intense research day with Professor Michelle Lowry to be held at the University of Queensland on 11 July 2018.

The day will feature a seminar presentation by Michelle Lowry in the morning followed by ECR presentations in the afternoon. Presentations will be for 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes of discussion from the floor.

There are a limited number of spots on the program for the ECR presentation session, however, every applicant to the research day – including unsuccessful applicants - will receive written detailed feedback on her paper from a member of the technical committee or its delegate.

The research day is open to all FIRN members at no cost.

Submission guidelines:

- Applicants must be female academics at level B or C and hold a PhD.
- The purpose of this workshop is to provide feedback, therefore submitted papers should not already be under review at a journal.
- It is an expectation that accepted applicants will attend the welcome dinner the evening prior to the research day (10 July).
- Accepted applicants will be expected to read all of the papers on the program to enable peer review and discussion to be held. All papers to be presented will be distributed by FIRN in a timely manner.

Submission process:

- Please submit two copies of your paper, one copy blind with all identifying information removed, and a second copy which is a full paper including author names, institutional affiliations etc. Papers are to be submitted via email direct to FIRN firn@business.uq.edu.au.

Submission closing date: 29 March, 2018.

Technical committee members:

The technical committee comprised Kathy Walsh (FIRN/UTS) and Jacquelyn Humphrey (UQ).



About Michelle Lowry:

Michelle is the TD Bank Professor of Finance at the LeBow School of Business, Drexel University. She received her PhD from the University of Rochester, and was previously a professor at Penn State University. In addition, she is a past visiting professor at INSEAD and at the Wharton School. She is an associate editor of the Journal of Financial Economics, a past associate editor of the Review of Financial Studies, and an academic director at the Corporate Governance Center at Drexel University. She is a founding member of AFFECT (Academic Female Finance Committee), which strives for gender equality among the field of finance academics.

Her research focuses on a variety of issues in empirical corporate finance, including initial public offerings, mergers, and corporate governance. She is particularly interested in the ways that companies' corporate governance affects their performance around these corporate events. Her research has been published in top finance journals, including the Journal of Financial Economics, the Review of Financial Studies, and the Journal of Finance. Her research also relates to the effects of policy on firm outcomes, in particular regulation related to firm governance and shareholder voting. In this vein, she recently participated in an SEC panel on shareholder voting. Finally, her research has also attracted attention in the popular press, with cites in the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, NPR's Morning Edition, and Forbes.