



FIRN is a financial research network. FIRN was first established under an ARC Grant in 2005, today FIRN has 19 member universities in Australia and New Zealand including SIRCA as an industry-based member. There are currently over 500 academic research members who can access FIRN's high-quality events, conferences and other activities. FIRN is funded from institutional contributions paid annually under a 3-year Network Agreement.

What FIRN offers to Institutional Members

Researchers at FIRN member institutions can submit papers to four topic-specific annual research-intensive meetings and to the annual conference held in November. Each of the four meetings include international academic keynote speakers. Academics at institutional members can present or attend the meetings free of charge. Currently there are four topic themes for these meetings: corporate finance, asset pricing, banking and financial stability and market microstructure.

The FIRN conference has developed a reputation of having high quality scholarly papers and attracts a high level of satisfaction from presenters, with valuable comments provided to presenters by discussants and the audience. The papers submitted to the annual conference are blind peer-review by a panel of international academics. FIRN hosts a reception at the American Finance Association annual meeting each year and academics at institutional member universities who are at the meeting are invited to attend this reception.

PhD students can benefit from FIRN PhD courses and FIRN master classes that are run throughout the year. Master classes are presented by specially invited international academics who are experts in a specific topic area. The master classes topic areas change each year. In 2017, FIRN is offering eight PhD subjects and two master classes to PhD students at FIRN member institutions free of charge. PhD students can also access the FIRN job market program including applying to present their job market paper at the annual conference, access to competitive travel grants and the ability to meet with recruiters.

Academics and PhD students can attend FIRN development and FIRN Women events hosted throughout the year in various locations. These events include workshops and panel discussions on interview skills, negotiation techniques, tips on getting published, and advice on achieving a work-life balance.

Institutional membership fees

An institutional membership covering an entire School/Department has the following membership fees:

- AUD\$11,000 + GST per annum for small/regional institutions; or
- AUD\$16,000 + GST per annum for large institutions.

The size category of member institution is determined by the FIRN Governing Council. An institutional membership allows all research active academics within that School/Department to become members of FIRN giving them full access to FIRN activities. PhD students at the institution will be invited to PhD specific courses and events.

Long distance university members

All institutional members that are classified as long-distance members receive the additional benefit of up to a 50% rebate of their annual membership levy in the form of travel grants paid to academics and PhD students to attend FIRN events, intensive research meetings, courses and the annual conference providing these events are outside of the institutions' state.

Current institutional members

Australian National University, Auckland University of Technology, Deakin University, La Trobe University, Macquarie University, Monash University, Queensland University of Technology, RMIT University, University of Adelaide, University of Melbourne, University of Newcastle, UNSW Sydney, University of South Australia, University of Sydney, University of Queensland, University of Tasmania, University of Technology Sydney and University of Western Australia and SIRCA who are a founding industry member of FIRN.

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