## **FIRN Women 2019 Conference**

# Call for papers: FIRN Women ECR research conference with Laura Starks + pitching session with Robert Faff at UQ

FIRN Women invites submissions from early career female academics for a research day with Professor Laura Starks and a pitching session with Professor Robert Faff to be held at the University of Queensland St Lucia Campus on 14 and 15 March 2019.

The conference will feature shorter ECR "pitch" presentations with Robert Faff on 14 March and ECR presentations with Laura Starks on 15 March. The technical committee will allocate papers to either the pitch or the presentation sessions.

Every applicant to the conference, including unsuccessful applicants, will receive detailed written feedback on her paper from a member of the technical committee or its delegate. The research day is open to all FIRN members to attend at no cost.

### **Submission guidelines:**

Applicants must be female academics at level B or C at a FIRN institution 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 conference dinner on 14 March as this is an invaluable networking opportunity.
- Accepted applicants will be expected to read all the papers on the program to enable collegial peer review and discussion. All papers to be presented will be distributed by FIRN before the conference.

#### **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 to: <a href="www.openconf.org/FIRNTOPIC2019/track2/">www.openconf.org/FIRNTOPIC2019/track2/</a> Enquiries about this event can be directed to: <a href="mailto:info@firn.org.au">info@firn.org.au</a>

**Submission closing date:** 7 January, 2019.

#### **About Laura Starks**

Laura T. Starks is the Charles E. and Sarah M. Seay Regents Chair in Finance and co-Executive Director of Social Innovation@McCombs. Her current research focuses on mutual funds, corporate governance institutional investors and environmental, social and governance investing. She was an editor of the Review of Financial Studies from 2008-2014 and has won a number of research and teaching awards in her career. She has also served on the Boards of Directors of the American Finance Association, the Financial Management Association (FMA), the Society of Financial Studies (SFS) and the Western Finance Association (WFA). She is currently President of SFS and is a past president of the FMA and WFA. She is an independent director for CREF Retirement Accounts and TIAA-CREF Mutual Funds, serves on the Investment Advisory Committee for the Employees Retirement System of Texas, the Board of Governors of the Investment Company Institute, and the Governing Council of the Independent Directors Council. She has also served on the 2013 Strategy Council and the 2014 Expert Panel for the Norwegian Government Pension Fund (the largest sovereign wealth fund in the world).