

MEDIA RELEASE

Finance industry backs Griffith

Six leading financial planning and accounting firms are offering scholarships for Griffith University's Bachelor of Commerce (Professional).

Through the degrees students study over trimesters, full-time for the first year and then part-time, while completing a paid industry internship part-time for the remaining two years.

Program Director Dr Mark Brimble said the scholarships valued between \$3,500 and \$7,000 would help cover expenses while students complete their first year of study.

"The scholarships are designed to assist students through their first year of study before they start earning while learning in the second and third years," Dr Brimble said.

"They also allow firms first pick of top students for internships."

Professional Investment Services Education Manager, Warwick Glaves, said by offering scholarships, we are not only investing in students' futures, but also in the future of the profession.

"By offering a scholarship we are hoping to attain strong recruits who will project the 'new professionalism' of financial planning into the future," Mr Glaves said.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with Griffith students and am encouraged by their positive mindset and refreshing attitude shown towards this emerging profession.

"Through the scholarship we hope to provide the opportunity for a student to reach their goals without financial burden and also highlight that attitude and diligence has reward."

Mr Glaves said Professional Investment Services was proud to be associated with Griffith University and the excellent professional program, Director Dr Brimble and the team at Logan.

"From my observations of Australian universities and their courses, the Griffith University Bachelor of Commerce (Professional) program is at the cutting edge of this academic discipline" Mr Glaves said.

"Professional Investment Services looks forward to future interaction with the Griffith Business School and the enthusiastic body of students."

Financial planning specialisation scholarships are sponsored by ANZ Financial Planning, Financial Planning Association of Australia, Tropicoffs and Professional Investment Services. Cooper Reeves and Marsh Tincknell are funding accounting specialisation scholarships.

Scholarship applications close October 31. For further information visit www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships

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