



Media Release

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Australian Financial Markets Association & Macquarie Business School create partnership for accreditation in financial markets

The Australian Financial Markets Association (AFMA) and Macquarie University are pleased to announce a long-term collaboration agreement, under which Macquarie Business School (MQBS) will provide education services for AFMA's Accreditation program.

AFMA has a long-established Accreditation program for the employees of member firms who work in financial market roles. More than 2,200 individuals are currently accredited under the AFMA program, which helps to cultivate a disciplined, risk-aware, and knowledgeable marketplace. To be eligible for accreditation, an individual must satisfy minimum experience and learning objectives that provide professional knowledge and skills for employment in Australia's financial markets. Until now, AFMA has designed and delivered the associated education courses in-house.

Under the agreement, the MQBS will provide the education courses in accordance with AFMA's curriculum for accreditation commencing delivery in the first quarter of 2021. Successful completion of these courses can also count as credit toward further study in a Graduate Certificate or Masters in Applied Finance.

The University was selected after a competitive Request for Proposal process that began in February 2020. AFMA's CEO, David Lynch said:

"AFMA has an objective to promote efficiency, integrity and professionalism in Australia's financial markets and our Accreditation program serves an important purpose in this regard. AFMA looks forward to working with the MQBS, which is a global leader in applied finance education and draws on an in-depth, practical knowledge of Australia's financial markets."

"By partnering with MQBS, we can access the latest teaching methods and resources, provide more efficient pathways to accreditation for students and over time increase the range of course options available to reflect the changing nature of financial markets".

MQBS's Executive Dean, Professor Eric Knight said:

"MQBS is very much looking forward to providing AFMA members a high level of industry relevant education through the Accreditation Program – that recognises MQBS's position as a market leader in financial education. Our Business School provides innovative, flexible, and practical knowledge that is easily transferable and applicable to the finance industry. We deliver a wide range of flexible education programs, allowing AFMA members to pick and choose the right educational pathway to take their career to the next level."



AFMA is committed to ensure that its Accreditation program remains founded in education that is relevant to contemporary Australian financial markets including market operations, trading conventions, government regulations and conduct standards that underpin the markets.

Details of the education program can be found at <https://www.mq.edu.au/about/about-the-university/faculties-and-departments/business/study-with-us/credentialed-programs>

Details of AFMA Accreditation can be found at <https://afma.com.au/learning/accreditation>

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Macquarie Business School Executive Dean, Professor Eric Knight, and Rob Colquhoun, Company Secretary, AFMA signing the Agreement.

Notes for Editors:

The Australian Financial Markets Association (AFMA) is an industry association that promotes efficiency, integrity and professionalism in Australia's financial markets and provides leadership in advancing the interests of all market participants. These markets are an integral feature of the economy and perform the vital function of facilitating the efficient use of capital and management of risk. AFMA member firms perform a range of important roles within these markets, including financial intermediation and market making.