



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH  
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## School of Economics Student Newsletter



### Welcome to the School of Economics Student Newsletter

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Now that the trams are up and running (albeit with a couple of hiccups), I thought you might like to see what Edinburgh trams looked like in the 1950s. This is the West End of Princes Street. The big department store on the corner (Binns) has been replaced by House of Fraser and the Bank of Scotland next door is now a cafe. If we could look to the left, we would see Rankin's Fruitmarket in the building that is now Ryan's Bar. It has been said that many Edinburgh people tasted their first banana thanks to Rankin's.

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## Deadline extended for Undergraduate Awards 2014



The submission deadline for UA 2014 has been extended until June 16<sup>th</sup>

You now have more time to submit your work and get the recognition it deserves

### Who we are

The Undergraduate Awards acknowledges excellence in undergraduate academia across all disciplines.

### How it works

Students can submit their coursework online, making sure their name and university is not included in the document. We gather a panel of academics in each field to anonymously assess the work. They select the top 10% in each category, and from that the winner.

### Why should I submit?

As a winner you will receive an exclusive invitation to the 2014 [UA Global Summit](#) in Dublin, Ireland, your work is published in our academic journal and you are recognised as the top student in your field. Shortlisted students are also recognised for their excellence, which can be a significant catalyst when pursuing further studies or your chosen career.

### What now?

More details on how to get your piece of work ready for submission can be found at our website, [www.undergraduateawards.com](http://www.undergraduateawards.com). You have until June 16<sup>th</sup> to submit.

Questions? Email [info@undergraduateawards.com](mailto:info@undergraduateawards.com)

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## Fully funded studentships in Financial Computing and Business Analytics

The PhD Centre for Financial Computing and Analytics [www.financialcomputing.org](http://www.financialcomputing.org) invites expressions of interest from academically strong applicants interested in fully funded PhD research on topics related to computational finance, mathematical and statistical modelling in finance, financial IT and business analytics.

The PhD Centre for Financial Computing and Analytics, jointly established by University College London (UCL), Imperial College (IC) and the London School of Economics (LSE) in collaboration with thirty leading financial institutions and data analytics companies, has been awarded £4.5m (€5m) by the UK Government for the training of doctoral candidates in Financial Computing and Analytics.

Successful applicants will have the opportunity to pursue a PhD at UCL or Imperial College. Students will first undertake a one-year MRes (Masters of Research) at UCL's Computer Science Dept, comprising of three Masters-level modules (selected from any suitable courses provided by UCL, IC or LSE) plus a year-long research project with their academic supervisor. In years 2-4 the student will continue their PhD in a relevant department at any of the three partner institutions, including:

Dept of Computer Science, UCL Dept of Mathematics, Imperial College  
Dept of Mathematics, UCL Dept of Finance, Imperial Business School  
Dept of Statistics, UCL plus other departments

The PhD Centre can provide funding for UK and EU students and will endeavour to obtain financial support for non-EU students.

Students interested in joining the PhD programme at UCL or IC and applying for funding should register on the Centre's website: [www.financialcomputing.org](http://www.financialcomputing.org)

Applications: Candidates from any scientific discipline will be considered.

Successful candidates should demonstrate:

- 1) A strong academic background (based on educational qualifications)
- 2) Strong quantitative skills (ability to learn advanced maths, statistics and programming)
- 3) Strong research skills (especially in large scale quantitative studies)
- 4) Experience or strong interest in financial computing and analytics

Expressions of interest (together with a CV) should be emailed to Mrs Yonita Carter  
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