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# Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

**Department of Financial Management**

## **INFORMATION BROCHURE**

**MPhil (Finance and Investment)  
(07255193)**

**Applications for the 2024 academic year**



## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Department of Financial Management. This brochure contains important information regarding the MPhil (Finance and Investment) programme offered by the Department of Financial Management.

The MPhil programme requires that a student produce a full dissertation under supervision. In addition, a student is required to produce and submit a draft research article to the supervisor. The draft article should be based on the research that the student has conducted for the dissertation and be approved by the supervisor concerned. This is the preferred degree to complete for advancement to PhD studies.

The department also offers a MCom Financial Management Sciences Course Work degree. Further information regarding this degree is provided on the University of Pretoria's website at the following link: <http://www.up.ac.za/en/financial-management/article/2077065/postgraduate>

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

1. Candidates in possession of a BComHons (Financial Management Sciences) degree, a BComHons (Investment Management) degree, or any other BComHons degree with financial content deemed to be adequate by the Department of Financial Management may apply to be admitted to the programme.
2. All applications will be subject to a selection process as determined by the Department of Financial Management. This process considers, amongst others, past academic performance, previous research experience, writing skills, and work experience.
3. An approved research outline (see Research Outline Requirements below) needs to be submitted.
4. Additional admission requirements may be set by the Head of the Department of Financial Management.

## APPLICATION PROCESS AND CLOSING DATES

Applications open on 1 March of the year preceding the year of study. You may apply electronically at [www.up.ac.za](http://www.up.ac.za) or you may use the application form, which should either be submitted at the Client Service Centre or mailed to the Student Service Centre, University of Pretoria, Private bag X20, Hatfield 0028.

Application closing dates for the 2024 academic year intake are as follows:

- 30 September 2023 South African students
- 31 August 2023 International students

## RESEARCH OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the documentation submitted as part of the application, to adhere to the prerequisites for the programme, **all applicants** are required to submit a research outline of approximately 1000 words. This outline will be considered by the Department of Financial Management to ascertain the viability of the research topic and the availability of a suitable supervisor for the specific topic. Topics should fall within the research focus areas of the Department of Financial Management (see <https://www.up.ac.za/financial-management/article/38798/research-focus-areas>).

The research outline (approximately 1000 words) must include:

- A short motivation outlining why you are interested in enrolling for this programme;
- Background information regarding the specific topic area that you propose researching;
- Justification for conducting research in this area (need for and benefits of the research);
- Preliminary research question / research objectives;
- Relevant citations to appropriate academic articles; and
- Reference list.

The research outline should comply with the following technical guidelines:

- MS Word document
- Arial font, size 12
- 1½ line spacing
- 2.00 cm margins all around
- Referencing: APA 6th referencing style

**The research outline must be attached to your application and/or submitted directly to the program co-ordinator at the email address [henco.vs@up.ac.za](mailto:henco.vs@up.ac.za) by midday on 31 October 2023. If we do not receive this outline we will unfortunately not be able to assess your application and your application will be rejected as the topic outline is a requirement for all applicants.**

Please note that the University of Pretoria treats plagiarism in a very serious light. As such, all research outlines received by the Department of Financial Management will be processed using plagiarism detection software to ensure the originality of all work submitted. For further information regarding plagiarism please refer to the University of Pretoria's Library website <http://www.library.up.ac.za/>

If the research outline is officially approved, and provided the student meets the admission requirements for this programme, the student will be allowed to register and a supervisor will be appointed. The student will then work under the guidance of the supervisor until the research is completed according to the rules and regulations of the University.

## COST OF THE PROGRAMME

Information about fees and funding is available at: <http://www.up.ac.za/fees-and-funding>

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

All prospective students with international qualifications must acquire SAQA evaluation of their degree certificates before submitting an application to the University of Pretoria. For further information please refer to the “International Students” link on the University of Pretoria website and <http://www.saqa.org.za/> .

All prospective international students must also pass an English Language Proficiency test before submitting an application to the University of Pretoria. You may either write the TOEFL test or the IELTS test. See: <http://www.toefl.org> (tel. +27 11 713 0600) or <http://www.ielts.org>.

## MODULES

**FBS891 (Financial Management 891)**: FBS 891 is a Research Methodology module and is a prerequisite for the dissertation. The module is presented online and no contact sessions take place.

**FBS890 (Dissertation 890)**: The dissertation component of the program requires that the student produce a dissertation under supervision and a draft article for publication in a recognised scientific journal. There are no formal lectures or taught components for this module.

## DURATION OF STUDY

The master's degree is conferred on a student only if at least one year has expired after the qualifications by virtue of which admission to master's study has been obtained – with the proviso that the student is registered for at least 12 months for a master's degree at this University, although the Dean may approve a shorter period.

The degree programme must be completed within two years after the first registration for the degree.

## DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAM CONTACTS

### Program co-ordinator:

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### Departmental administrator:

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## APPLICATION ENQUIRIES

### Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences: Faculty Administration

Ms. Khomotso Matabane  
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### Student Services Centre: University of Pretoria (application forms, closing dates, fees, etc.)

Website: <http://www.up.ac.za/student-services>  
Telephone: 012 420 3111  
E-mail: [ssc@up.ac.za](mailto:ssc@up.ac.za)