

oikos / PRI Young Scholars Finance Academy 2009

Responsible Investment: Integration, Engagement, Transparency

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Call for Papers

Submission Deadline: **Friday, Oct. 30, 2008**

 **PRI** Principles
for Responsible
Investment

There is a growing view among institutional investors that environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) issues can affect the performance of investment portfolios. The first international oikos / PRI Young Scholars Finance Academy will provide a platform for the encouragement of research on responsible investment issues. The Academy will gather leading academics, practitioners and exceptional graduate students and young faculty pursuing research related to issues of integration, engagement and transparency in responsible investment.

To allow in-depth discussions and intensive learning processes, the international Finance Academy is limited to **15** PhD students and a maximum of **5** practitioners. The Academy will focus on advancing the PhD and post-doctoral projects of successful applicants by providing a forum for the presentation and discussion of research projects. Participants will also receive feedback from noted academics and professionals from the investment community. Building on the efforts of the PRI Academic Network, faculty and young scholar project presentations will be integrated with practitioner sessions in an effort to stimulate greater dialogue between the investment community and academia.

Feedback will be given by internationally well-reputed academics:

- **Dr. Gordon Clark**, Director, Oxford University Centre for the Environment, University of Oxford, UK
- **Dr. James P. Hawley**, Co-Director, Elfenworks Center for the Study of Fiduciary Capitalism, St. Mary's College of California, USA
- Facilitator: **Dr. Danyelle Guyatt**, Principal, Responsible Investment Team, Mercer, UK

The Academy will be located in a remote Hotel in the Swiss Alps close to Zurich. The CHF 400.- fee for the Academy covers hotel accommodation, catering and extra-curricular excursions (Practitioners: CHF 1600.-). To enable promising PhD students worldwide to participate, the organizers offer limited financial assistance for up to 3 travel scholarships for selected participants from developing countries.

Graduate students and young faculty are invited to apply with 1) a cover letter explaining their motivation to participate, 2) a CV, and 3) an abstract (1-2 pages) of their PhD or research project. If successful, applicants will be required to submit the full paper (10-15 pages) they will present at the Academy by December 30, 2008.

Applications must be received no later than **Oct. 30, 2008** at: finance@oikosinternational.org.

Announcement of successful applications will be made on **November 15, 2008**

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