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Corporate Finance Research Group.

The Corporate Finance Research Group was founded in January 1996 and the mainstream research areas of the Group include corporate financial decisions of public and private firms.

For example, members of the group are currently working on research projects in the following areas: initial public offerings (IPOs), small and medium sized enterprise (SME) financing, management buyouts (MBOs), various aspects of private equity (PE) investments, corporate restructuring, and economic consequences of corporate disclosure.

Group members have received research grants from the ESRC, the Department for International Development (DFID), the European Commission, the Australian Research Council, the World Bank, African Development Bank, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and UK Institute for Quantitative Investment Research (INQUIRE).

The group benefits from access to the resources of a very large institution, the University of Birmingham, and contributes to sustaining the high reputation for scholarship which the University has built up since its foundation in 1900.

Aims

The Corporate Finance Group aims to:

- Sustain research excellence in the area of corporate finance (broadly defined) through existing research collaboration within the Business School as well as with colleagues in the rest of the College of Social Sciences.
- To attract leading scholars as visiting researchers in order to foster high quality research collaboration with members of the Group.
- To continue to attract promising research students who are closely associated with the research activities of the Group.
- To mount seminars and other forums for dissemination of research output.
- To consult with business and government to facilitate the acquisition of databases and quality research publications.
- To provide an enabling environment for members of the Group to continue publishing in leading academic journals.

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