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Victoria University joins the Australian Centre for Financial Studies (ACFS)

VU becomes an Associate University Member, joining Griffith, Melbourne, Monash and RMIT University as the fifth university supporter of ACFS

Professor Deborah Ralston, Executive Director of the Australian Centre for Financial Studies, and Professor Colin Clark, Dean of Victoria University's College of Business, are delighted to jointly announce that Victoria University has today become an Associate University Member of ACFS. In doing so, Victoria becomes the fifth Australian university to be associated with the Centre, joining Monash and RMIT Universities as Consortium Members and Melbourne and Griffith Universities as Associate University Members.

In making the announcement, Professor Ralston commented that "we have been keen for some time for VU to come on board. We already have connections with researchers in superannuation and in climate risk and insurance. It is very important that we continue to expand our network of universities so that we have access to the wide pool of researchers we need to provide the high quality research in the finance and financial services space that we are known for".

She went on to say that "VU's College of Business has an enviable record of research performance in these and related areas. I am confident that VU will not only be a very good fit for ACFS but that, through our wide range of contacts amongst practitioners, academia and regulators, we can assist the College to enhance its all-important research output."

At the time of today's announcement, Professor Clark added that "both my colleagues and I in Victoria University's College of Business have long admired the quality of the thought leadership and evidence-based research produced by ACFS. We are absolutely delighted that this opportunity has arisen and look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship with the Centre over the next three years and beyond".

Professor Clark added that "we have a research team undertaking policy modelling as part of

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the superannuation for the CSIRO-Monash Research Cluster that ACFS is managing and will be interested in future research opportunities which may evolve from the other projects undertaken by ACFS. As financial services is one of our key priority areas for VU this is a good fit.”

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