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Ohio State’s Fisher College of Business Recognized as CFA Program Partner Institution

University students trained in CFA Program’s Candidate Body of Knowledge™ will have strong foundation for CFA exam preparation, career success

COLUMBUS, Ohio (June 8, 2009)— CFA Institute and Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University announced today Fisher’s MBA in Finance is a CFA Program Partner and will offer degree programs that cover at least 70 percent of the CFA Program Candidate Body of Knowledge, the CFA Institute ethical and professional standards, and other requirements.

“Students in this program are exposed to the Candidate Body of Knowledge, concepts and principles that have been identified by investment experts worldwide as essential to global practice,” said Bob Johnson, CFA, senior managing director of CFA Institute. “By mastering these fundamentals of the CFA Program, students will be well on their way to earning the highly-valued CFA charter.”

Recognition as a CFA Program Partner signals to potential students, employers and the marketplace that the university curriculum is closely tied to professional practice and is well-suited to preparing students to sit for the three levels of CFA examinations.

“Fisher’s selection as a CFA Program Partner exemplifies the high regard of the Fisher MBA in the finance community worldwide,” said Anil Makhija, Rismiller Professor of Finance and chair of the Department of Finance at Fisher. “CFA Institute is internationally recognized for promoting the highest standard of professional excellence through education and business ethics throughout the investment and financial fields.”

Students in Fisher’s MBA in Finance program will gain access to CFA Institute textbooks, journals, webcasts, and other educational resources. Students will also benefit from professional development events held in conjunction with CFA Columbus.

“This partnership will enhance the learning experience of the students in Fisher’s Student Investment Management program because of an assured coverage of important investments subject matter in the curriculum,” said Royce West, CFA, who teaches the stock market course as part of the Student Investment Management program and will manage the partnership.

Fisher’s Department of Finance and its award-winning faculty place high value on both teaching and research with the aim of contributing to the corporate and academic community. Courses are taught in the areas of investments, corporate finance and banking. Specialties include real estate, insurance and a newly launched risk management curriculum. It is home to the Dice Center for Financial Economics, Center for Real Estate, the Stephen Buser Seminar Series and the nation’s premier Student Investment Management Program.

The CFA Program Partner initiative was launched April 4, 2006 with the announcement of Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford as the inaugural CFA Program Partner. Since then, CFA Program Partner institutions have been recognized on six continents. ([Learn more.](#))

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About the CFA Program

The CFA Program sets a standard for developing the skills, standards, competence, and integrity of financial analysts, portfolio managers, investment advisers, and other investment professionals worldwide. It is widely considered the investment profession’s most rigorous credentialing program. Administered in English, the CFA curriculum and examinations are identical worldwide. Fewer than one in five candidates who begin the program successfully complete it and go on to earn the coveted CFA charter, the “gold standard” for investment professionals. More information is available at www.cfainstitute.org/cfaprogram/university/partners.html.

About CFA Institute

CFA Institute is the global association for investment professionals. It administers the CFA and CIPM curriculum and exam programs worldwide; publishes research; conducts professional development programs; and sets voluntary, ethics-based professional and performance-reporting standards for the investment industry. CFA Institute has more than 99,000 members, who include the world’s 85,755 CFA charterholders, in 133 countries and territories, as well as 136 affiliated professional societies in 57 countries and territories. More information may be found at www.cfainstitute.org.

About Fisher College of Business:

Ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* among the top business schools in the country, The Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business offers full-time, part-time and executive MBA, Master of Accounting Master of Labor and Human Resources and Master of Business Logistics Engineering programs. The college of business was started in 1916, and was named the Fisher College of Business in 1993, in honor of Max M. Fisher, a noted philanthropist, industrialist and alumnus of the college.

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