



Call for Applications

oikos Young Scholars Finance Academy 2017

in collaboration with the University of Zurich's
Department of Banking and Finance

September 4-6, 2017, Zurich, Switzerland

oikos and the Department of Banking and Finance at the University of Zurich will convene the 7th oikos Young Scholars Finance Academy from September 4-6, 2017, in Zurich, Switzerland.

The academy provides an intensive experience of learning and academic exchange on research topics around finance and sustainability. Participants will benefit from presenting and discussing their work with leading academics who will provide structured feedback and advice. The event will also include workshops by faculty members on the most recent developments of sustainable finance research, social activities as well as a roundtable with practitioners in the field.

Participants and Topics

The academy welcomes the submission of working papers addressing topics related to sustainability and finance. To allow for in-depth discussions, places are limited to 15 PhD and post-doctoral researchers from universities worldwide.

The submission of studies adopting multidisciplinary approaches is strongly encouraged. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Behavioural barriers and solutions for the development of sustainable financial markets
- Speculation and systemic risks
- Ethics and business culture in finance
- Environmental finance
- The relevance of Corporate Social Responsibility and environmental, social and governance issues in banking
- Finance and inequality: causes and remedies
- The role of private wealth in sustainable investing
- Impact investing, microfinance and green bonds
- Environmental and social accounting

Faculty

The faculty members of the oikos Finance Academy 2017 are:

[Prof. Timo Busch, University of Hamburg](#)

Timo Busch is Professor at the School of Business, Economics and Social Science at the University of Hamburg. He teaches courses on corporate sustainability,

business strategy & the environment, and sustainable finance. His research interests include corporate strategies towards a low-carbon economy, corporate eco-efficiency, and the business case for corporate environmental sustainability.

[Prof. Fabrizio Ferraro, IESE Business School](#)

Fabrizio Ferraro is Professor of Strategic Management at IESE Business School. He holds a PhD in Management from Stanford University. His current research explores the emergence of responsible investing in the financial sector, aiming to understand the dynamics of different investment practices and the organizational implications of this shift for asset owners and asset managers.

[Prof. Sébastien Pouget, Toulouse School of Economics](#)

Sébastien Pouget is Professor of Finance at the University of Toulouse Capitole and member of the Toulouse School of Economics and IDEI. Professor Pouget studies financial markets with a multidisciplinary approach combining insights from economics, psychology and history. He is co-director of the research center on Sustainable Finance and Responsible Investment, "chaire FDIR".

Submission Process & Fee

The academy will take place at the University of Zurich. The participant fee is 400 CHF and covers hotel accommodation, catering and outdoor activities. To apply please send:

1) your CV and a short cover letter with your motivation to participate;

2) an abstract (max 300 words) and a presentation (max 10 slides) of your work, including research questions, methodology and preliminary (or expected) results;

to finance@oikos-international.org by **May 1, 2017**. All candidates will be notified by May 20. The deadline for the working paper submission is July 15.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you might have at finance@oikos-international.org.

About oikos

[oikos](#) is an international student-driven organization for sustainability in economics and management. Founded in 1987, it today comprises more than 40 chapters at universities worldwide with the mission to integrate sustainability into teaching and research.

About the DBF

The [Department of Banking and Finance](#) of the University of Zurich is placing sustainability at the core of its research activities and educational programmes, and has been at the forefront of sustainability integration into finance for many years. It hosts important research centres in different areas of sustainable finance, including the Center for Responsibility in Finance (CRF), the Center for Financial Networks and Sustainability (FINEXUS) and the newly established Center for Sustainable Finance and Private Wealth (CSP).