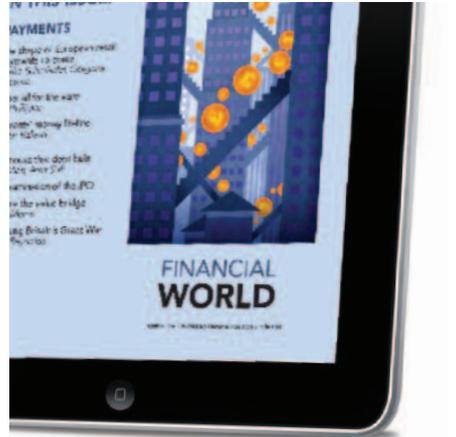
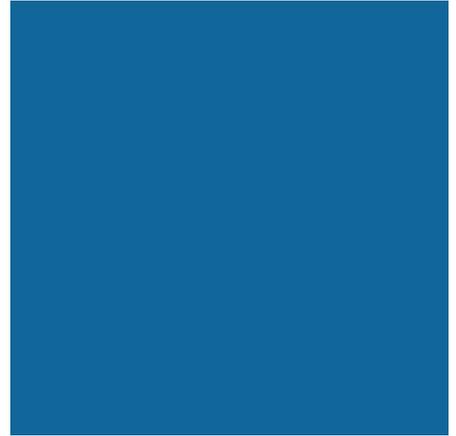


Making the most of your **membership**



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The Institute of Financial Services aims to provide you with the tools to keep your knowledge up to date, expand your network and develop your career. These benefits are outlined below - please take sometime to familiarise yourself with them and ensure you are maximising the value of your membership. You can manage your membership and access the majority of benefits via **my ifslearning**. Full details of how to activate your account and get started are included in this leaflet.

If you have any questions, problems accessing **my ifslearning** or suggestions for additional benefits and services we could offer, please get in touch. We can be contacted at membership@ifslearning.ac.uk or by telephoning +44 (0)1227 818609.

Benefits of membership

Log your development using the CPD tool

The Institute recommends that all members undertake CPD. Learning shouldn't stop once you've completed your studies and undertaking a programme of CPD is an effective way of ensuring your knowledge and skills remain up-to-date. As a member you can use the Institute's CPD logging tool to record any learning and development that you have undertaken. CPD can benefit you in a number of ways:

- **Enhancing and maintaining your knowledge.** It is vital that professionals maintain a standard of knowledge appropriate to the services that they offer. A CPD programme can help you to identify knowledge gaps you may have and inform the activities you undertake.
- **Demonstrate your competence.** With an increasing focus on competence in the industry, undertaking a formal programme of CPD is an excellent way to demonstrate to others that you have up-to-date knowledge and skills.
- **Enhance your career prospects.** Everyone is looking for that competitive edge. An up-to-date CPD record will help to improve your employability and career prospects.

How to access myCPD

myCPD is accessible via **my ifslearning**. Once you have logged in, click on **myCPD** in the top menu. To start logging your CPD, select 'register for the CPD scheme this year' and then 'Claim a new CPD activity'. You can also download a complete user guide from our website at www.iofs.org.uk/cpdtool

Access ifs KnowledgeBank

ifs KnowledgeBank, is the Institute's e-library. It provides members with access to a wide range of resources including ebooks, journals, news articles, company and market data, and leadership support tools.

- **News and current affairs** – complete access to EBSCO's News Monitor service.
- **Industry and market data** – company data direct from the source, including full financials, director reports, employee statistics and more.
- **Video lessons** – more than 1,400 short and powerful videos in which the world's most successful business leaders pass on some of their most important learning experiences.
- **Insights** – specialist articles written by **ifs University College** lead tutors, as well as audio, video and presentation slides from events.

You can access **ifs KnowledgeBank** by clicking on the 'KnowledgeBank' link that appears on the top menu of **my ifslearning**. If you are accessing **KnowledgeBank** for first time, and want to learn about what resources are available, you might benefit from visiting the Library Support section.



Read *Financial World* magazine wherever you are

Financial World is the bi monthly journal of **ifs** University College. It aims to provide thought-provoking analysis and commentary on the latest developments in the financial services sector. As a member you not only receive a complimentary subscription to the magazine, but also access to the *Financial World* archive.

The archive allows you to search past issues using keywords and phrases, and to download complete issues to read on your tablet or smartphone. The archive can be accessed via the '*Financial World*' link on the top menu of **my ifslearning**.



Attend events and build your network

To help facilitate networking opportunities, the Institute runs regular events for members. These events, which often attract high profile industry leaders and speakers, take place throughout the year and enable members to exchange ideas and share information.

Highlights from the past 12 months have included Prestige Lectures from Dr Paul Pester, Chief Executive Officer of TSB and Paul Seward, UK Chief Risk Officer of HSBC. We have also heard from a number of industry experts and commentators such as Alex Brummer, City Editor for the Daily Mail and Edward Bonham Carter, Vice Chairman of Jupiter Fund Management.

All events are free to members and can be booked online at www.ifslearning.ac.uk/events.

Become part of our mentoring scheme

A mentoring programme enables participants to develop skills that will help them throughout their studies and career. Our mentoring scheme is powered by a dedicated online platform. It allows you to benefit, as a mentee, from the experience and knowledge of other members or, as a mentor, to use your own experience and understanding to support others.

- **Benefits of becoming mentor.** Being a mentor gives you the opportunity to share the breadth of your experience and to make it available to others. It also helps you develop coaching and leadership skills that are vitally important for a successful management career.
- **Benefits of being mentored.** Mentees are usually at a more formative stage of their career. Encouragement and guidance from a mentor can help mentees focus on the steps they need to take in order to develop their career and be more effective in their current role.

Access to the mentoring platform is included as part of your membership. To get started please visit www.ifs.universitymentormatch.com and register your details.



Achieve Chartered Status

Chartered status is a mark of professional distinction that is awarded to experienced members of the Institute of Financial Services who want to demonstrate their commitment to on-going learning and professional development.

It enables holders to effectively demonstrate that they not only possess technical capability and skills, but also professional ability and experience.

To maintain Chartered status holders are required to follow the Institute's CPD scheme and reaffirm their commitment to ongoing CPD at the end of each calendar year.

To view eligibility requirements and full details please visit www.iofs.org.uk/chartered



Search the latest industry vacancies

The Institute of Financial Services Jobs Board is a specialist careers resource designed for professionals working in the financial services industry, or employers looking to advertise targeted vacancies.

Members are able to post their CVs and have them appear before non-members in recruiter searches. Members are also able to post jobs and access job seeker CVs at reduced rates.

You can visit the Jobs Board at www.iofs.org.uk/jobsboard

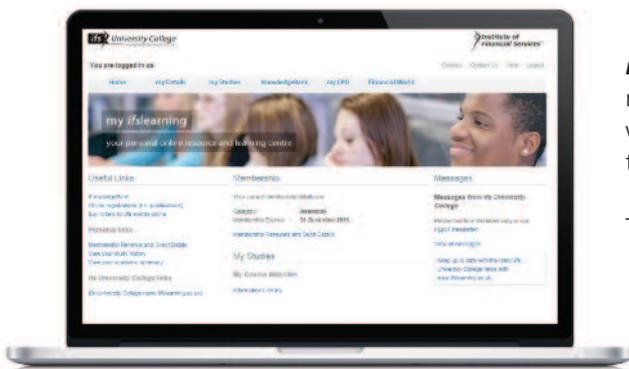
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my ifslearning is the online hub from which you can manage your membership and access online benefits. Once your account is set up you will be able to access *ifs* KnowledgeBank, the *myCPD* logging tool and the *Financial World* archive.

To login to your account go to www.myifslearning.com

Can't access your account?

If you **have not** previously accessed your account please select 'Account activation' and follow the on screen instructions. You will need to remember the password you create as you will be unable to access your account without it.

If you **have** previously accessed your account, but have not updated your password from the one we originally gave you, you will need to reactivate your account. Please note that part of this process involves confirming your date of birth, postcode and country. If you have not provided this information please do so by sending an email to membership@ifslearning.ac.uk in order for you to reactivate your account.

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