



Academic Membership of the Chartered Institute of Development Finance (CIDEF)

1. Introduction:

The Chartered Institute of Development Finance (CIDEF) is the Professional Global Development Institute for development finance graduates, practitioners, development finance institutions, other financial institutions and individuals interested in development finance. Academic members of the Institute are drawn from Academic Institutions which offer CIDEF accredited postgraduate qualifications. Accredited membership is strictly awarded solely on the basis of a member institution awarding the master's in development finance in a department or school of finance. Accredited membership can also be awarded to schools or departments which offer management, business, accounting or economics which strong quantitative and finance programs. CIDEF is the only professional Development Finance Institute in the world and currently has Academic members in Africa and Europe.

2. The Academic Partnerships

The purpose of the Academic membership is for CIDEF to work with CIDEF Accredited Academic Institutions which offer CIDEF accredited programs in development finance. CIDEF works with Academic members around the world to achieve the following goals:

(a) Professional Chartered Membership for Staff

There are currently a number of universities in Africa and Europe which offer postgraduate qualifications in development finance. These Universities work in partnership with CIDEF to develop and offer professionally accredited programs which are recognised both by the Universities and CIDEF.

- CIDEF works with Academic members to support their staff and students to take accredited professional programs in development finance with the aim of becoming Chartered Fellows of CIDEF. On completing the approved relevant qualifications in development finance, staff and students will be awarded the
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Professional Chartered Membership which is similar to CFA, ACCA or membership of other professional bodies;

- CIDEF works with member universities and Academic members to develop short accredited certificate programs in development finance.

(b) Seminars, Workshops and Conferences

- CIDEF engages with Academic partners when organising seminars, workshops and conferences;
- CIDEF collaborates with partner academic institutions to identify innovative areas in development finance for present and future capacity building interventions and research.

(c) Research and Development (R&D)

- CIDEF collaborates with Academic partners to produce relevant practical research that will benefit Development finance practitioners and CIDEF academic partners;
- Summaries of policy documents and opinion pieces produced by Academic Partners will be published in the Development Finance Agenda and Africagrowth Agenda Magazines.

(d) Local CIDEF Chapter

CIDEF works with Academic partners to establish local CIDEF Chapters. The Chapter are located within the premises of the local academic partner with some responsibility to support and promote the Development Finance Programs at the local partner institutions.

3. Benefits to Academic Partners

Academic Membership of CIDEF is restricted to only accredited partner academic institutions. Academic Membership Benefits include the following:

- I. Academic Members will have the opportunity to place limited free adverts in the Development Finance Agenda and Africagrowth Agenda Magazines;

- II. Staff of Academic members will attend CIDEF's conferences, training, seminars and workshops at discounted rates;
- III. Conference fees will be waived for two academic staff members per conference;
- IV. Senior Academic members, with the relevant experience and qualifications, will be given opportunities to provide lectures to students at partner universities;
- V. Members will be given opportunity to write short articles about their organisations which will be published in the Development Finance Agenda Magazine;
- VI. CIDEF will link Members seek visiting academic opportunities in other member institutions;
- VII. CIDEF and Africagrowth Institute (AGI) will actively promote development finance programs of partner academic institutions;
- VIII. CIDEF and AGI will assist in coordination staff and students exchange visits among member institutions;
- IX. Academic Members will be given an opportunity to display marketing material at CIDEF's conference, workshops and seminars;

4. Contacts

For more information about Academic Membership, please contact

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