

# Insights



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## Benefits and services for members

**Our membership programme provides you with the tools you need to help plan your professional development.**

As a member, you have access to a wealth of information and content. KnowledgeBank, our eLibrary, puts the latest research tools at your disposal and contains a wide range of industry journals, while Financial World magazine brings together some of the best journalists and experts in the financial services industry to comment and provide analysis on industry developments and talking points.

Membership also offers you plenty of opportunity to network with your peers from across the industry. We run regular networking events that feature high profile industry leaders as speakers. These events run throughout the year, enabling members to keep abreast of the latest developments in financial services, expand their professional networks and hear from leading figures in the sector. Our popular podcasts and webinars give access to these events wherever you are in the world.

Our Continuing Professional Development (CPD) scheme is at the centre of our professional development services and access to the scheme is included in your membership, along with access to myCPD, our online CPD logging tool.

Full details of these and other membership benefits can be found at [libf.ac.uk/membership](http://libf.ac.uk/membership)



## National Student Survey 2017

**The London Institute of Banking & Finance ranks joint fifth in the UK for student satisfaction.**

Recently, we received the news that we had been rated as joint fifth overall in the UK for student satisfaction, with 92% of our students reporting that they were satisfied with the quality of their course.

The results come from the latest National Student Survey - the largest nationwide survey of student satisfaction designed to assess student opinion on the quality of their courses. Alex Fraser, our Chief Executive said: "We are absolutely delighted with the results from this year's National Student Survey. Such an outstanding overall satisfaction rate is a huge testament to all the hard work and dedication of both our academic and professional staff."



## Chartered status

**Chartered status sits alongside our Associateship or Fellowship membership categories to form a professional designation of distinction.**

Achieving Chartered status demonstrates that you are committed to developing your career. It shows that you not only possess technical capability, but also professional ability and experience.

We offer a number of routes for eligible members to become chartered:

- **The postgraduate route:** for anyone who has completed one of our postgraduate qualifications such as the MSc in Banking and Finance.
- **The degree route:** for those who have completed one of our degrees, hold an ACIB along with the degree top-up or who have completed the Chartered Associate Programme.
- **The regulated adviser route:** for financial advisers who have studied up to our Level 6 Diploma in Financial Advice.
- **The experience route:** for experienced members via a professional project assessed at degree-level (launching 2018).

If you are interested please visit our website for further information and eligibility criteria at [libf.ac.uk/chartered](http://libf.ac.uk/chartered)

# Alumni Fund Update

Since we accepted our first full-time students in 2011, we have seen three cohorts graduate - the vast majority of which have gone on to find roles within the banking and finance industries.

Over the past year the Alumni Fund has contributed an enormous amount towards helping our full-time students meet their education and maintenance costs, as well as partly funding essential teaching resources, such as the recently opened Henry Grunfeld Library.

Looking ahead, we aim to put employability at the heart of what we do. To this end, we will be investing in an online careers portal that will enable students to explore career paths and build their employability skills.

This is only possible with your support. To help us to continue this work and to ensure that future students have access to these and other opportunities please contact +44 (0) 207 444 7129 or email [alumni@libf.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@libf.ac.uk) for further information. Alternatively you can find full details online at [libf.ac.uk/fund](http://libf.ac.uk/fund)



# Financial World

Financial World is our bimonthly magazine that is included with your membership subscription. It brings together some of the best financial journalists, commentators and experts in the worldwide financial services industry.

Throughout 2017 the magazine has continued to keep members up to date and provide expert comment on the latest industry developments.

You can download back issues from the Financial World website, [financialworld.co.uk](http://financialworld.co.uk), access to which is also included as part of your subscription.



# Professional Networks

Many members recognise the value of good networking opportunities. Over the past 12 months, speakers at our professional networking events have included former Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt Hon Lord Darling and Luke Harding, Senior International Correspondent for The Guardian - who gave us a fascinating insight into his investigation into the Panama Papers.

We've also continued to expand our career evenings with LinkedIn experts presenting on how to get the most out the popular professional social networking platform. We already have many exciting events in place for 2018. You can find details of these at [libf.ac.uk/events](http://libf.ac.uk/events)





## Spotlight on KnowledgeBank

**KnowledgeBank is our e-library. It provides you 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** - access to EBSCO's News Monitor provides near real-time access to top world-wide news from Associated Press.
- **Industry and market data** - company data direct from the source including full financials, director reports, employee statistics and more.
- **Video seminars** - almost 1,000 audio-visual lectures delivered by principals, managers and advisors from the business world, as well as leading academics.
- **Forecasts, reports and data** - five-year forecasts, analysis and data for the financial services industry for 60 countries. Forecasts, alerts, background studies, and data covering a wide range of risk factors and including quarterly risk scores for 180 countries across 10 dimensions of risk.

You can access KnowledgeBank at [mylibf.com](http://mylibf.com) by clicking on the 'KnowledgeBank' link that appears on the top menu. If you are accessing KnowledgeBank for first time and want to learn about the resources that are available, you may benefit from visiting the Library Support section.

### MyLIBF

MyLIBF is the online hub from which you can manage your membership and access many benefits.

Once your account is set up you will be able to access KnowledgeBank, myCPD and the Financial World archive. In addition you will also be able to book directly onto our events.

Before you can start using myLIBF you need to activate your account at [mylibf.com](http://mylibf.com)

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## Upgraded Mentoring Platform

**Our mentoring scheme gives you the opportunity to connect with established industry professionals and benefit from their experience and knowledge. Alternatively you can develop your coaching skills by being a mentor.**

A mentor can provide advice on making the most of your current role or give you guidance on your next one. Powered by a dedicated online platform, the scheme is a great source of support if you are thinking about the next steps in your career.

We recently upgraded the platform with a range of new features and improved user interface. Improvements now include detailed video guidance, a new 'ask a question feature', as well as a range of collaborative tools to help set goals.

Access to the mentor platform is included in your subscription. To find out more information about the scheme please go to [libf.ac.uk/mentoring](http://libf.ac.uk/mentoring)

