FORM A: ABDC 2013 JOURNALS LIST REVIEW
NEW ACADEMIC JOURNAL SUBMISSION

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT: FORM A is designed to formalise requests to the ABDC Journals Review Panel 2013 seeking the inclusion of an academic journal which is currently omitted from the ABDC 2010 list. Previously unranked journals should only be nominated in this form where a clear case can be made for them (a) achieving a minimum “business element test” and (b) satisfying a minimum threshold of research quality. Please complete a separate form relating to each journal for which you wish to make a submission of this type.

Journal Title: Review of Corporate Finance Studies

QA1. FIELD of RESEARCH (FoR) PANEL to which this request is directed (tick one box only):
- 0806 Information Systems
- 1401-1499 Economics
- 1601 Accounting
- 1602 Finance
- 1603 Management
- 1504-07 Marketing/Tourism/Logistics
- 160105/160106 Business and Taxation Law

QA2. WHAT ABDC 2013 RATING DO YOU PROPOSE FOR THIS JOURNAL?
- A
- B
- C

QA3. IN ERA 2010, WHICH FoR GROUP WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?
- 0806 Information systems
- 1401-1499 Economics
- 1601 Accounting
- 1602 Finance
- 1603 Management
- 1504-07 Marketing/Tourism/Logistics
- 160105/160106 Business and Taxation Law
- OTHER: please specify
- New journal not previously ranked

QA4. WHAT ERA 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?
- A
- B
- C
- not applicable

QA5. NOMINATE “THE BEST” COMPARATOR JOURNAL (journal from the ABDC 2010 list that is most similar in research quality): Journal of International Money and Finance

QA6. JOURNAL INFORMATION
Publisher: Oxford Journals, on behalf of the Society for Financial Studies
Frequency: 
Current Volume: 3  Current Issue: 1  ISSN:  First Year Published: 2012
Refereed (please tick one): [ ] yes  [ ] no
Editor’s Name: Paolo Fulgieri  Institution: University of North Carolina
Web Address: http://rfs.oxfordjournals.org/

NATURE OF SUBMISSION

QA7. Primary submitter type (tick one box only)
- Higher Education Institutional Submission (e.g. formal submission from Business Faculty/School)
- Peak Body Submission (e.g. AFAANZ, ANZAM)
- Individual Submission

QA8. Primary submitter: Department of Accounting and Finance
Institutional Affiliation: Monash University

QA9. Are there other signatories to this submission? [ ] Yes  [ ] No
If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)?
This is a new journal published by the Society for Financial Studies, which is the publisher of the Review of Financial Studies (RFS) – a top 3 finance journal. The Review of Corporate Finance Studies has a very prestigious editorial board, and it is our opinion that it is destined to become an A* journal in the not-to-distant future.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: APPENDIX CHECKLIST

The ABDC invites further supplementary and supporting information to be submitted by way of appendices.

QA11. Mandatory “substantive business element test” (please tick one box only):

☐ Appendix A1: Substantive business element test
  You should provide:
  • Simple metrics that demonstrate a substantive “business” element relating to the relevant FoR Panel e.g. > 50% of articles over 3 years written by business faculty or > 50% of articles over a recent 3-year period are of a business nature. For the purposes of this test, a research area is deemed to be “business” related provided that it meaningfully relates to (at least) one of the FoR Panels established for the ABDC journal list review.
  • The Editorial Board list and clearly establish that many academics on the board have meaningful links to the relevant area of business-related research.

☐ ERA 2013 FoR code is the same as the requested FoR designation (i.e. answer for QA1 = QA3) – Appendix A1 is NOT required.

QA12. What supplementary information are you supplying (by way of appendices) to support your submission? (These appendices should be seen to be optional – you have discretion over those that you choose to supply and those that you choose to ignore).

The following documents are attached in support of this application (please tick boxes as relevant):

☐ Appendix A2: List of Editorial Board Members
☐ Appendix A3: Description and Scope of Journal
☐ Appendix A4: Recommendations from eminent scholars in the relevant field
☐ Appendix A5: Comparisons with existing rated journals
☐ Appendix A6: Coverage in review articles
☐ Appendix A7: Impact Factors: SSCI or others
☐ Appendix A8: Other supporting documentation
☐ Appendix A9: Signatory Details – in cases where there are more than one signatory to the submission, list all signatory names and their university or relevant affiliations (this appendix should articulate with the answer given to QA9 above).
Appendix A1

This is clearly a finance journal. As shown at Appendix A2, the list of editorial board members reads like a who's who of the world's top researchers in corporate finance.

Appendix A2 List of editorial board members

EDITORS
Efraim Benmelech  
Northwestern University

Christopher Hennessy  
London Business School

Joshua Rauh  
Stanford University

ASSOCIATE EDITORS
Viral Acharya  
New York University

Michael Fishman  
Northwestern University

Steven Kaplan  
University of Chicago

Erwan Morelec  
Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne

Thomas Noe  
University of Oxford

Daniel Paravisini  
Columbia University

Gordon Phillips  
University of Maryland

Amir Sufi  
University of Chicago

Sheridan Titman  
University of Texas at Austin

Bilge Yilmaz  
University of Pennsylvania
Appendix A3 Description and Scope of Journal

The Review of Corporate Finance Studies (RCFS) aims to publish research of the highest quality in the field of Corporate Finance, broadly defined.

RCFS will review papers on the basis of their original contribution to the field of Corporate Finance. Corporate Finance includes but is not limited to the study of a firm's interactions with its stakeholders in general and capital markets in particular, the design of its internal organization structure, its compensation and incentive mechanisms, corporate governance, the management of capital and its internal allocation rules. RCFS will also consider research in financial intermediation and financial institutions, microstructure and the implications of asset pricing for Corporate Finance. Theoretical, empirical, and experimental papers will be admissible for review.

Manuscripts are admitted for review and accepted for publication under the understanding that they have been submitted solely to the Review of Corporate Finance Studies and have not been previously published either in whole or in part.