

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The Ph.D. in Business Administration degree with finance as a major field of study brings the Ph.D. student to the leading edge of knowledge in the field. Rigorous course work and research activities provide the student with an in-depth understanding of the theoretical, conceptual and managerial foundations of finance. The program has three primary objectives:

- ▶ Developing advanced competencies for conducting quality research, directing research of others and communicating research findings through teaching and writing
- ▶ Preparing candidates for the varied responsibilities of academic careers or for positions requiring similar research and analytical skills
- ▶ Providing candidates with the tools needed to publish their research in top-tier finance academic journals

The Mays doctoral degree gives the candidate a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the professional field and training in methods of research. The final basis for granting the degree is the candidate's grasp of the subject matter of a broad field of study and a demonstrated ability to do independent research that makes a significant contribution to the body of knowledge.

In addition, the candidate must acquire the ability to express thoughts clearly and forcefully both orally and in writing. The degree is not granted solely for the completion of course work, residence and technical requirements, although these must be met.

## FACULTY AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Aref (Mohammadreza) Bolandnazar, *Assistant Professor*  
Market Microstructure, Financial Intermediation,  
Asset Pricing

Christa Bouwman, *Interim Department Head, Associate Professor,*  
*Patricia & Bookman Peters Professor of Finance*  
Financial Intermediation, Corporate Finance, Mergers  
and Acquisitions, Behavioral Finance, Corporate  
Governance

Boone Bowles, *Assistant Professor*  
Asset Pricing, Information Economics, Institutional  
Investors, Investments, Markets, Short Selling

Xiao Cen, *Assistant Professor*  
Empirical Corporate Finance, Household Finance,  
Entrepreneurship, FinTech

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***“The guidance, support, and mentoring I got from Mays Business School at Texas A&M University equipped me with the skills and confidence that keep me pushing the frontier in finance research.”***

*Shuting (Sophia) Hu, Assistant Professor  
Hankamer School of Business, Baylor University*

***“The faculty is a collaborative and exceptionally bright group of people who generate outstanding research. Their mentorship makes Texas A&M an excellent place for doctoral studies.”***

*James Nordlund, Assistant Professor  
E. J. Ourso College of Business, Louisiana State University*

Yong Chen, *Professor*

*David R. Norcom '73 Endowed Professor*

*Director, Finance Ph.D. Program*

Asset Pricing, Investment Management,  
Financial Markets, Investor Behavior

Tristan Fitzgerald, *Assistant Professor*

Corporate Finance, Entrepreneurial Finance,  
Innovation, Mergers and Acquisitions,  
Investment Banking

Jonathan Halket, *Assistant Professor*

*Helen and O.N. Mitchell, Jr Faculty Fellow*

Real Estate, Macroeconomics, Urban  
Economics, Finance

Philipp Illeditsch, *Assistant Professor*

Implications of Disagreement, Preference  
Heterogeneity, Financial Frictions, and Ambiguity  
Aversion for Portfolio Choice, Asset Pricing

Shane A. Johnson, *Thomas W. Leland*

*Memorial Chair in Finance*

Empirical Corporate Finance, Executive  
Compensation, Corporate Governance,  
Empirical Asset Pricing, Banking

Hwagyun (Hagen) Kim, *Associate Professor*

*J. Rogers Rainey & Annie Bob Rainey Professor of  
Banking and Finance*

Asset Pricing Theory, Portfolio Management,  
Macroeconomics, Corporate Finance, Econometrics

James W. Kolari, *Chase Professor of Finance*  
Banking, Securities Markets, Asset Pricing,  
Empirical Models in Finance

Adam Kolasinski, *Associate Professor*

*James W. Ashton Republic Bank Professor of Finance*

Capital Structure, Corporate Governance,  
Market Regulation, Equity Lending

Xiaoding Liu, *Associate Professor*

*RepublicBank Fellow*

Corporate Culture, Corporate Governance, Initial  
Public Offerings, Technological Innovation

Arvind Mahajan, *Texas A&M University System*

*Regents Professor, Lamar Savings Professor of Finance*

International Finance, Corporate Finance

Paolina C. Medina, *Assistant Professor*

Household Finance, Behavioral Economics

Marco Rossi, *Associate Professor*

Asset Pricing, Credit Risk, Corporate Bonds

Sorin Sorescu, *Professor*

*Foreman R. and Ruby Bennett Chair in Business  
Administration*

Short Sale Constraints, Stock Market Anomalies,  
Empirical Asset Pricing

Wei Wu, *Assistant Professor*

*William H. Flores '76 Faculty Fellow*

Asset Pricing, Capital Markets, Industrial Organization and  
Finance, Information Economics

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