

Investment Property Forum (IPF) Investment Education Programme at the University of Reading

FAQ's & Application Information

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the MSc Real Estate (Flexible) and, MSc Real Estate Investment Finance (Flexible) is a good first degree (normally upper second) or, an equivalent professional qualification such as FRICS, MRICS, ACA, ACCA. Students are also required to be working in real estate or expected to be starting a career in the Real Estate sector by the commencement of the course.

What are the fees?

The online module is currently £450. The taught modules are £2,000 per 20 credit module. Students who are self-funding will receive a payment request after the attendance of each module. If students are being sponsored by their company, an invoice will be sent to the company after the attendance of each module. Fees will remain fixed for the duration of the programme.

How do I pay my fees?

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How do I apply?

You can apply online by clicking on [Apply Now](#). During the application process you will be required to upload the following documents:

- Certificate of highest academic qualification(s)
- Transcript of results (must show evidence of grade received and/or qualification)
- Statement of purpose
- CV
- 2 references (academic or non-academic)

Do I have to have an appropriate English language qualification?

The University of Reading requires all students whose native language is not English to demonstrate their competence in the English Language. Normally this would be demonstrated by passing a recognised English Language Proficiency Test, for example an IELTS, TOEFL or Pearson test. The level required for MSc programmes in the School is an overall score in the IELTS test of 6.5 with no element below 6.0 (or equivalent in any of our accepted tests). Exceptionally, applicants may be permitted to produce confirmation that they use English as their main working language. You should note, however, that the University reserves the right to require any applicant to take an English Language Proficiency Test.

Do you offer a distance learning module?

The online module – RE2IPI Introduction to Property Investment is the only distance learning module we offer. All other modules are taught at the University of Reading Whiteknights Campus in Reading.

How are the IPF Certificate modules taught and assessed?

Generally, students receive some pre-reading approximately 3-4 weeks before a module commences. Students then come to the University of Reading where there be will 30-40 hours of lectures, workshops, exercises, presentations and/or site visits during the 4 day module. Whilst at the University, students will be briefed on an assessment to be handed in 8-10 weeks after the module. It is estimated that students will need to work between 7-10 hours per week to complete the assessment.

I only want the IPF Certificate – what do I need to do?

For the IPF Certificate you need to complete the on-line module RE2IPI Introduction to Property Investment, and the two taught modules, REMB22 Real Estate Portfolio Management and REMB31 Corporate Finance

I want the IPF Diploma – what do I need to do?

For the IPF Diploma you need to attend the five taught modules, REMB05 Real Estate Investment Appraisal, REMB19 Real Estate Securities, REMB22 Real Estate Portfolio Management, REMB31 Corporate Finance and REMB38 Real Estate Funding

How are the in-class modules taught and assessed?

Students come to the University of Reading for 4 days where there will be lectures, workshops, exercises, and presentations. Whilst at the University, students will be briefed on an assessment to be handed in 8-10 weeks after the module. It is estimated that students will need to work between 7-10 hours per week to complete the assessments.

Are the IPF Certificate and IPF Diploma awarded by the University?

No, these qualifications are awarded by the Investment Property Forum (IPF), they are not University qualifications. The IPF Certificate is FCA accredited.

How many students are there on a module?

It can range from 10 – 40, depending on the module.

Where does the teaching take place?

The taught modules take place at the Henley Business School, University of Reading at our Whiteknights campus.

Is accommodation available?

There are hotels in the Reading town centre which are a short distance from campus. Either the 21a or 21 buses from Reading Station will take you directly onto campus:

[Hotel 1843](#) (30 minute walk from campus)

[Premier Inn Reading Central Hotel](#) (35 minute walk from campus)

[Ibis Reading Town Centre](#)

[Novotel Reading Town Centre](#)

[Malmaison Reading Town Centre](#)

To stay in University Halls of Accommodation, please contact the accommodation office directly:

Tel: +44 (0)118 378 4203

Email: accommodationonline@reading.ac.uk

What are the other students like?

Diverse; many will be recent UK graduates employed by property advisory and investment firms who are in their early to mid-twenties. There are also a number of extremely well qualified real estate professionals in mid-career who are updating or enhancing their existing skills. We have a growing number of international students from Europe, the Middle East, South Africa and other countries.

When can I start the IPF Certificate? Do I have to take the modules in a particular order?

If you are new to the profession then we suggest that you start with the RE2IPI Introduction to Property Investment which is an online module and can be taken over a 3-month period. Students work through the material at their own pace and complete an assessment at the end. However it is possible to start with the REMB22 Portfolio Management or REMB31 Corporate Finance taught modules instead, and then take the online module at a later date. The Programme Director will provide advice on this once you are accepted onto the programme.

Can I speak to someone who is on the course already?

Yes, it is a good way to find out if this is the course for you. We can help put you in touch with a current student.

What support can I expect once the module has finished?

You will be given access to Blackboard which is the virtual learning environment used by the University of Reading. Course documents will be posted here, and there is a discussion board to enable students to debate work in between modules.

Can I attend modules for CPD?

Yes, you can attend any of the modules for continuing professional development. You would not be required to complete the assignment if you were attending on this basis.

Can I go on to take a full Masters?

Once you have successfully completed the IPF Diploma, you can attend further modules in order to complete the full MSc.

How long will I have to complete my MSc degree?

You will be registered on the programme for up to 6 years, however the majority of students complete the degree within 2-3 years.

Where can I find further information?

You can email pg-rep-admin@reading.ac.uk or look on our web page - <https://www.henley.ac.uk/study/masters/ipf-investment-education-programme>.