



From left: Rutgers Business School Executive Vice Dean Yaw Mensah, CIPFA CEO Rob Whiteman, and Professor Irfan Bora at the memorandum of understanding ceremony.

Rutgers partners with CIPFA to offer students international experience

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Rutgers Business School has announced a signed memorandum of understanding with the U.K.-based Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy that creates a pathway for its students to practice governmental accounting outside the U.S.

The agreement allows current students and graduates of the Rutgers Business School's master of accountancy in governmental accounting program to qualify with CIPFA as a Chartered Public Finance Accountant via CIPFA's online platform. The credential will allow graduates of the master of accountancy in governmental accounting program to work in public finance positions around the world.

The agreement was signed at Rutgers Business School on Feb. 27, 2019, in a ceremony attended by Rutgers Business School dean Lei Lei, executive vice dean Yaw Mensah, CIPFA CEO Rob Whiteman and professor Irfan Bora, director of the master of accountancy in governmental accounting program.

"CIPFA is delighted to be entering into a partnership with Rutgers University that will allow us to share our expertise and explore common goals to the benefit, not only of the students, but the public sector globally, which can only gain through greater cooperation among government accountants," stated Whiteman. "This memorandum

of understanding will enable the development and retention of top talent for government accounting. CIPFA is proud to support the next generation of public finance accountants who will be the driving force for sound public financial management around the globe."

Rutgers students and alumni participating in the program will have access to CIPFA member services, including webcasts and training videos, invitations to special events, and international networking opportunities.

"It's our pleasure to collaborate with CIPFA so we can attain our mutual goal and serve the public interest," said Bora in a statement. "This memorandum of understanding will help strengthen our graduates accounting careers globally, providing them with tools, training and membership."

Rutgers students must complete two e-learning modules and a case study before taking the CIPFA exam. All pathway elements are available online through CIPFA's platform.

The "CIPFA pathway" will open in September 2019. CIPFA is now accepting expressions of interest from students who have completed or are close to completing the Rutgers master of accountancy in governmental accounting program.