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## **Global Centers of Insurance Excellence (GCIE) Inaugural Designees Announced**

New York, New York – June 29, 2017 – Twenty universities from around the world have been designated by the International Insurance Society as Global Centers of Insurance Excellence (GCIE) in the program’s inaugural year. The certification program recognizes outstanding risk management and insurance programs that play an integral role in promoting insurance knowledge and research.

The GCIE designation is awarded to universities and colleges that meet stringent criteria focused on course offerings, graduate and industry employment rates, as well as professional involvement. The universities must also demonstrate that students are learning primarily from a designated full-time faculty with appropriate academic qualifications and research expertise.

After a rigorous review, the IIS GCIE Evaluation Committee, comprised of members of the academic community from insurance and risk management academic centers, has designated the following programs:

[Appalachian State University, USA](#)  
[Ball State University, USA](#)  
[California State University, Fullerton, USA](#)  
[Cass Business School, United Kingdom](#)  
[Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina, USA](#)  
[Florida State University, USA](#)  
[Ludwig-Maximilians Universitaet Munich, Germany](#)  
[Peking University, China](#)  
[St. John’s University, USA](#)  
[Temple University, USA](#)  
[The University of Calgary, Canada](#)  
[Tsinghua University, China](#)  
[Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium](#)  
[University of Georgia, USA](#)  
[University of Iowa, USA](#)  
[University of Leuven, Belgium](#)  
[University of Mississippi, USA](#)  
[University of St. Gallen, Switzerland](#)  
[Virginia Commonwealth University, USA](#)  
[Wisconsin School of Business, University of Wisconsin - Madison, USA](#)

“The GCIE designation serves as a testament of distinction which will enhance the universities’ standings in the highly competitive advanced education arena, while also serving to enrich relationships with the insurance industry where talent demands are surging,” says Mike Morrissey, IIS President and & CEO. “Recruiting the next generation of insurance professionals is a critical issue facing the insurance industry across all markets. The GCIE program is designed to support the advancement of our industry’s education programs and will provide a tool for the industry to identify those institutions that generate new talent.”

The Call for Applications for the 2018 GCIE designation will be released in the fall of 2017.

Information on the programs offered by the universities and further details about the GCIE is available on IIS website: [www.internationalinsurance.org/GCIE](http://www.internationalinsurance.org/GCIE)

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