Re: Invitation to participate in Women in Banking & Finance internship opportunity with Challenger

Dear Professor Collins,

I am writing to invite your School to participate in an internship with Challenger who are one of our corporate sponsors. This internship aimed at providing talented female maths, engineering, statistics, physics students with valuable work experience in the banking and finance industry, via a 6 month 2 day per week internship or alternatively over the University vacation or a combination of both, depending on the students availability. This is a paid internship.

Established in 1985 Challenger is an investment management firm managing more than $57.6billion in assets. Challenger operates two core investment businesses, a fiduciary Funds Management division and an APRA regulated Life division.

The Women in Banking and Finance (WiBF) organisation provides a forum for successful female professionals in financial services and related industries. A key need for the industry is to attract talented female science and engineering students who not being attracted to the industry, nor supported as young or middle-management professionals.

Our goal is to actively change this and to ensure that young women are adequately supported through the challenges of the industry throughout their entire careers. Our first point of call is to connect talented soon-to-be graduates with unique work experience opportunities, so that they are starting to build a strategic network from their first day as professional women.

We are keen to include your school to be part of WiBF’s initiatives. The details of the internship are as follows:

- Internship to be 9 months in length: June 2016 – 26th Feb 2017
- Applicants should be looking to start their final year of university in either 2016 or 2017, such that they can apply to the Challenger 2017 or 2018 graduate programme
- Applicants must have Australian work rights
- Applicants are to be studying Engineering / Maths, Statistics, Econometrics, Physics
- Strong academic results (WMA > 75)
- Highly motivated and personable individuals able to work in a team environment
We hope that your School will participate in this internship, as this is a great opportunity to actively grow top female talent in your School and ensure that they are equipped with the skills and networks to pursue highly successful and influential careers.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me on amanda.dobbie@wibf.org.au

Closing Date: **15th May, 2015**.
Please have any interested student forward their CV’s to me by no later than 15th May.

With best wishes,

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CEO of WiBF