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University of Pittsburgh, Katz School of Business Accounting PhD Program

Thanks for your interest in our PhD program in Accounting! This information sheet will provide you with a brief view of the advantages of studying Accounting at the Katz School, at the University of Pittsburgh. For more information, please call us at +1(412) 648-1524, email us at katzphd@katz.pitt.edu, or visit our website at http://www.katz.pitt.edu and click on the PhD link. Click “Areas of Study” on the left and choose “Accounting.”

Placements: We are one of the best programs in the country with respect to our placements. We usually accept two new students per year so that we are able to give them a great deal of one-on-one faculty attention.

Examples of our placements in the last few years are:
- Yangyang Fan: Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Eric Chan: University of Texas at Austin
- Michele Frank: Miami University of Ohio
- Patrick Martin: Indiana University, Bloomington
- Bryan Stikeleather: University of South Carolina
- Shuqing Luo: National University of Singapore
- Jason Brown: Indiana University, Bloomington
- Jason Schloetzer: Georgetown University
- May (Yue) Zhang: Northeastern University
- Kyonghee Kim: University of Illinois-Chicago, currently at U. of Missouri
- Wei Luo: Peking University – China
- Jason (Xi) Kuang: Georgia Tech
- Casey Rowe: Arizona State University, currently at Purdue University
- Shijun Cheng: University of Michigan, currently at U. of Maryland
- Lynn Hannan: Georgia State University, currently at Tulane University

Distinguished Alumni: Some of our alumni are now chaired professors in top schools including:
- S. Mark Young: University of Southern California
- Michael Shields: Michigan State University
- Sri Sridharan: Northwestern University
- Ranjani Krishnan: Michigan State University
- Andrew Leone: University of Miami
- Jennifer Joe: University of Delaware
- Lynn Hannan: Tulane University

BYU’s evaluation: See BYU’s website http://byuaccounting.net. The Pitt faculty as a group is in the “dark orange” range (which is the highest research productivity in the top journals) for all topics and all methods. This reflects our diversified interests, as can be seen by the fact that many Katz Faculty members show up in this dark orange range for both Experimental and Archival Managerial Accounting Research; both Experimental and Archival Auditing Research, and for Financial Archival research. We publish in a range of accounting journals as well as in top journals in Information Systems, Management, Finance, and general business journals such as Management Science.
Honors, Awards, Editorial Positions:

- The Deloitte Foundation awards a very competitive $25,000 Doctoral Fellowship each year to 10 students in the country. Four of our recent students, Jordan Bable (2016), Michele Frank (2014), Bryan Stikeleather (2012), and Patrick Martin (2010), have received these prestigious fellowships.
- Our students have been awarded outstanding dissertation awards by AAA sections. For example, Jason Schloetzer received the 2009 Managerial Accounting Section’s Outstanding Dissertation award and both Jennifer Joe (1999) and Jason Brown (2010) received the ABO Outstanding dissertation award.
- Our faculty and PhD student collaborations have resulted in best paper awards at several conferences over the years. In 2016, Yangyang Fan won the Best Paper by a Doctoral Student Award at the AAA Auditing Midyear Meeting and Eric Chan won the Best Conference Paper Award at the AAA Management Accounting meeting. Patrick Martin and Don Moser won the Hermes Fund Managers’ Best Paper Prize at the Harvard Business School/Journal of Accounting and Economics 2013 conference on Corporate Accountability Reporting. In 2012, a paper by Karla Johnstone, Chani Li, and Shuqing Luo won the Best Paper award at the AAA Auditing Midyear Meeting, and a paper by Harry Evans, Don Moser, Drew Newman, and Bryan Stikeleather won the Best Paper award at the AAA Management Accounting meeting.
- Members of our faculty serve on many editorial boards and take leadership positions in the field. They regularly win best paper awards at conferences. Please check the faculty members' webpages to see a list of their activities. Particularly noteworthy is that two of our faculty members have recently played prominent roles at The Accounting Review -- Harry Evans was the Senior Editor and Don Moser was an Editor.

Mentorship: We like to conduct research in collaboration with our students. Faculty who currently work with PhD students are: Harry Evans, Don Moser, Vicky Hoffman, Dhinu Srinivasan, Mei Feng, Chani Li, Jongwoon (Willie) Choi, Adam Presslee, Joshua Gunn, Lauren Reid, and Nicole Cade.

- We have an excellent history of doctoral student/faculty collaboration, which often results in articles that are published in top journals. Our faculty members develop relationships with our students that result in research collaboration that often lasts well beyond the doctoral program experience. Please see the examples on the next page.

Examples of Collaborative Research (Current or Former Doctoral Student names in bold)


“Economic and Equity Effects on Reporting Decisions,” (Harry Evans, Chung Kim and Donald Moser), Accounting, Organizations and Society, 2005.

