PwC awards $10K to develop MFIN accounting courses

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PricewaterhouseCoopers, the world's largest professional services firm, has awarded the A. B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University a $10,000 grant to develop new accounting courses in the Master of Finance program.



Clif Brown, left, and Paul Spindt are members of the Accounting Curriculum Study Group, which has received a $10,000 grant from PwC to develop new accounting courses in the MFIN program.

The grant was awarded through the PwC INQuires program, which funds applied research projects contributing to the practice of auditing and tax.

The Freeman School's Accounting Curriculum Study Group — which includes Jasmijn Bol, Clif Brown, Kell Riess, Paddy Sivadasan, Christine Smith and Paul Spindt — submitted the proposal for funding to assist in accounting curriculum development to support an upcoming revision of the Master of Finance program.

"I am delighted that one of the world's leading accountancy firms has given us its support in our effort to provide stronger accounting coursework for one of our most

highly regarded graduate programs,” said Ira Solomon, dean of the Freeman School.

The curriculum plan includes the development of a two-course sequence on Financial Reporting for Financial Analysts which will focus on the nature and role of accounting in organization measurement, reporting and control processes from the perspective of a financial analyst. The courses will cover how to read, analyze and interpret financial accounting data to make a variety of informed business decisions with an emphases on analysis of operating profitability and return on investment as well as forecasting financial performance. Throughout, the courses will incorporate business and accounting cases and research projects based on real companies.

Work on the project is scheduled to begin this summer, and it’s expected to be completed by the end of the fall 2013 semester.