

Post-Doctoral Bridge Programs for Non-Business PhDs Report Two-Year Results

It has now been nearly three years since the launch of the AACSB Post-Doctoral Bridge to Business Programs. These AACSB-endorsed programs have an overarching goal of increasing the production of business doctorates by providing an educational bridge for non-business doctoral faculty to become accustomed to the research and teaching methods of business schools. These programs have been offered by Grenoble Ecole de Management, Toledo University, Tulane University, University of Florida, and Virginia Tech. To date, the business schools at these institutions have graduated 86 students. Of these graduates, 50 are employed in business schools. The graduates have completed a variety of program concentrations from finance to organizational behavior.

“I feel that I can comfortably and effectively interact with finance faculty members.”

Shabnam Mousavi, Virginia Tech Post-Doctoral Bridge Program Graduate

This year, several of the schools will organize the following AACSB-endorsed Post-Doctoral Bridge to Business Programs:

[Grenoble Ecole de Management](#)

November 22–26, 2010

[Toledo University](#)

June 7–July 30, 2010

[Tulane University](#)

May 31–June 13, 2010

[University of Florida](#)

April 18–August 22, 2010

Virginia Tech

May 31–July 30, 2010

In 2010, AACSB anticipates that 40 additional non-business doctorates will complete one of the endorsed programs. All of which, are individuals that can assist in reducing the stresses associated with increasing enrollments and declining doctoral-qualified faculty in business schools. Also, in 2010, AACSB International will continue its efforts to explore the trends associated with the supply and demand of doctoral faculty in business schools—particularly by addressing the possibility of continuing doctoral shortages associated with increasing faculty retirements.

For more information on the Post-Doctoral Bridge to Business Programs, as well as AACSB's Bridge Programs for business professionals to transition into professionally qualified academic positions, visit: www.aacsb.edu/bridgeprograms.