

Professorial chair at University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

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Swiss Re, one of the world's leading reinsurers, has sponsored a professorship at the University of Nottingham Business School. The funding will operate initially for five years, enabling the business school to establish the 'Swiss Re Chair in the Management of Risk'.

Swiss Re endows professorial chair at the University of Nottingham

Swiss Re's endowment will help the business school to extend and strengthen its Centre for Risk and Insurance Studies (CRIS). Already an internationally recognised centre of excellence, this initiative will advance the School's insurance related research profile and enhance its provision of postgraduate courses, designed to meet the needs of the insurance community.

The Swiss Re Chair will undertake research in a wide range of areas including:

- the development of life and health insurance markets;

the role of private insurance in the future of the welfare state the extent to which private insurance arrangements can support and enhance social security provision;

- risk, information and insurance;
- the interface between actuarial science, business and economics
- alternative methods of risk financing and risk transfer.

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Nottingham, Sir Colin Campbell welcomed the initiative, "this partnership comes at an important stage of the Business School's development. Swiss Re's research expertise is renowned and its involvement will be extremely beneficial to the long-term future of the University."

Allan Bridgewater, Swiss Re's UK Chairman said, "this sponsorship underlines our commitment to research and knowledge transfer. I believe this further development, together with the existing Norwich Union and Worshipful Company of Insurers chairs, makes the potential of a centre of excellence in our field at Nottingham a real possibility."

Notes to editors

The University of Nottingham Business School (formerly the School of Management and Finance) achieved grade 4 in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise and is ranked as excellent in teaching. The school has pioneered teaching and research of insurance and risk management from a business perspective in the UK. The University is supporting a planned expansion of the School by providing new purpose-built accommodation, which has an expected completion date of September 1999.

The Business School is the home of the Centre for Risk and Insurance Studies (CRIS) which has two existing professorships sponsored by the Norwich Union Insurance Group and the Worshipful Company of Insurers. Assisted by an advisory board whose members are drawn from the University, the wider academic community and the UK insurance market, the Centre's research programme reflects public policy priorities as well as those expressed by the insurance industry.

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