

# Press Release



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## ACCA/KPMG/UCY Fast Track Program

The University of Cyprus is proud to announce the latest partnership with ACCA & KPMG in Cyprus. This collaboration will give the opportunity to top performing Accounting & Finance students to complete all 13 modules of the ACCA qualification before graduation.

Selected students will participate in two five-month internships at KPMG in Cyprus during their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year of studies and will graduate in 4,5 years, after having passed all 13 modules of the ACCA qualification. KPMG in Cyprus will offer permanent employment contracts to the students selected for this scheme before the students begin their internships.

Students will be trained externally while working at KPMG and during summer months. This will help them to prepare for the 4 final strategic professional exams of the ACCA, with KPMG covering all tuition costs. The ten-month work experience will help graduates accelerate their careers, by fulfilling earlier the working hours required for the ACCA professional qualification. Those on the programme will also be enrolled with ICPAC under the Joint Exam Scheme partnership with ACCA.

ACCA and KPMG believe in the high calibre of UCY students, following a proven track record of repeated success in their ACCA exams and professional careers. In Cyprus, ACCA collaborates with UCY exclusively for this initiative and gives the opportunity to its top performing Accounting & Finance students to attempt the 4 strategic professional exams of ACCA before completing the first 9 applied knowledge and applied skills modules, for which ACCA offers UCY students 9 exemptions. In 2017, Abdul Goffar, ACCA Director of Western Europe & Americas stated:

*“You will be pleased to know that this (performance) ranks University of Cyprus as #1 for success, beating universities from around the world. This is clearly a show of the quality undergraduate programme you offer and the level of teaching.”*

**End of announcement**