

## Annual Conference with Doctoral Masterclasses 2026

Aston Business School, Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET

14–16 April 2026

with Doctoral Masterclasses on 14 April 2026

The British Accounting and Finance Association (BAFA) is pleased to announce the 2026 Annual Conference in Aston, Birmingham. This will be an in-person event only. The Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation will be held at the Edgbaston Stadium on Wednesday 15 April. Our strategic aims are to be:

- a vibrant association of choice for accounting and finance academics;
- the voice and resource of the accounting and finance community;
- campaigners for accounting and finance research and pedagogy.

### Keynote Speakers

Annual Conference:

- **Professor Christine Cooper**, Professor of Accounting, Business School, University of Edinburgh, UK.
- **Professor Bart Lambrecht**, Professor of Finance, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge, UK and **2024 BAFA Distinguished Academic Award Winner**.

Doctoral Masterclasses:

- **Professor Andy Stark**, Emeritus Professor Accounting and Finance at the University of Manchester Alliance Manchester Business School, UK.

### Important Dates (for the Doctoral Masterclasses and Annual Conference)

Online paper submission opens for the main conference: **8 September 2025**

**Deadline for submissions: 1 December 2025**

Registration and payment opens: 1 December 2025

Paper acceptance notifications on a rolling basis from 1 December to 6 January 2026

**Registration (payment) for presenters closes: 13 February 2026 (midnight GMT)**

Deadline for online submission of revised papers: 2 March 2026

**Registration and payment for non-presenters closes: 2 March 2026 (midnight GMT)**

Detailed presentation programme announced: 2 March 2026

**Note: No changes to the full schedule are possible once published**

Online Conference Platform available: 10 April 2026

**NOTE:** You do not have to be a member of BAFA to make a submission, but you will need to join BAFA and register for the conference if your paper is accepted for presentation.

**Late submissions** will be considered for a waiting list, to be notified after 13 February 2026.

## Call the Annual Conference

We invite submissions of **full papers** on any topic from academics, final-year PhD students, and practitioners in the disciplines of accounting and finance.

Papers will be reviewed by subject specialists drawn from our special interest groups and associates. We are seeking to increase the variety of events that we offer at this year's conference. We will, therefore, carefully balance that with the number of presentation slots that are available.

We aim to provide a showcase for innovative research and teaching in accounting and finance. Streams for 2026 include, but not limited to:

- Accounting and Finance in Emerging Economies
- Accounting Education
- Accounting History
- Accounting Information Systems and Emerging Technologies, including New Technologies in Accounting, Auditing and Forensics
- Asset Pricing, Financial Data Science and Econometrics
- Auditing
- Behavioural Finance
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Diversity, covering Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in Accounting and Finance
- Pedagogy, Research and Teaching
- Financial Markets and Institutions
- Financial Accounting and Reporting
- Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Accounting
- Management Accounting
- Public Services and Charities
- Taxation

## Paper Submission

Opens: 8 September 2025

Closes: 1 December 2025

Use the [Paper Submissions Platform](https://submissions.bafa.ac.uk) (<https://submissions.bafa.ac.uk>) to submit **one FULL paper** to the **Annual Conference 2026**. *Please note that although you will be able to edit certain details online, you will not be able to upload a revised version of the file while it is pending review.*

Our **Early Career Researcher** (ECR) sessions allow final-year PhD students and those who have completed their PhD within the last five years an opportunity to present their work and get feedback from invited faculty and others in smaller sessions. **See Option 1 below.**

## Call for the Doctoral Masterclasses

Our doctoral masterclasses offer support and opportunities for feedback and participation, including: a designated academic to provide support and feedback throughout the conference and networking opportunities. There will also be events for PhD students throughout the three-day conference

**NOTE:** PhD students can present in either the main conference OR the doctoral masterclasses, **not both**. Please read the instructions below carefully. *You will need to register/pay for the conference by the deadline to secure your place*

Choose either Option 1 **OR** Option 2:

1. Final-year PhD students and those who have completed their PhD within the last five years have the opportunity to submit **full papers** to the **Early Career Researcher (ECR) Parallel Sessions** held throughout Tuesday and Wednesday. They will get feedback from designated persons in the conference who will attend their presentation and offer feedback following the session, as well as receiving feedback in the session from the audience. Papers that are not accepted for presentation in one of the sessions on 15–16 April 2026 will automatically be given a place in the doctoral masterclasses on Tuesday, 14 April 2026.

### Paper Submission

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Closes: 1 December 2025

Use the [Paper Submissions Platform \(https://submissions.bafa.ac.uk\)](https://submissions.bafa.ac.uk) to submit **one full paper** to the **Annual Conference 2026**—tick the ECR checkbox in the submission form. *Please note that although you will be able to edit certain details online, you will not be able to upload a revised version of the file while it is pending review.*

2. **All doctoral students** are invited to submit an **abstract** for the doctoral masterclasses on 14 April 2026, unless they have submitted a paper to the main conference (option 1 above). Students will be invited to present their own work and will receive feedback from faculty and other students. Students are expected to attend all sessions on 14 April and will only be awarded a certificate of attendance on this basis. Students are also expected to attend the whole conference.

There are **80 places** available on a first-come, first served basis. Once the quota is full, your name will be placed on a waiting list.

### Paper Submission

Opens: 8 September 2025

Closes: 1 December 2025

Please include the following information on the PDF/Word file you upload:

1. Year of Study
2. Institute/University Registered
3. Year of Registration
4. Supervisor(s)

Use the [Paper Submissions Platform \(https://submissions.bafa.ac.uk\)](https://submissions.bafa.ac.uk) to submit **one** abstract to the **Doctoral Masterclasses 2026**. *Please note that although you will be able to edit certain details online, you will not be able to upload a revised version of the file while it is pending review.*

### Registration

Opens: 1 December 2025

Closes for Presenters: 13 February 2026

Closes for Non-presenters: 2 March 2026

- **Full ticket:** £350  
**£300 Early Bird Full Ticket** available until 16 January 2026
- **Discounted ticket:** £175

(You can check if you're eligible for the discounted ticket here:  
<http://bafa.ac.uk/conference-information/#rate>)

Tickets for the conference will be available to via [BAFA Membership Account](#). The conference ticket does NOT include the BAFA membership fee.

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#### Important:

**No late payments** will be considered in 2026.

**No refunds** after 13 March 2026 and all refunds are subject to the discretion of trustees.

**We will not accept payment for the conference at the registration desk.**

### Nominations for Awards

Any member of BAFA can make a nomination for our Distinguished Academic Award (DAA), our Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA), our Distinguished Contribution Award (DCA), and our Outstanding Contribution to Accounting & Finance Education Award (OCAFEA). Details and nomination forms can be found at <http://www.bafa.ac.uk/about/bafa-awards/>. **Deadline for nominations is 1 November 2025.**

#### Keep up to date with conference news:

visit <http://www.bafa.ac.uk/events/upcoming-events/> and [join BAFA on LinkedIn](#).