



Ndodini and Ilona

## Students receive £14,000 from CISI Educational Trust Awards

The prize money for this year's awards was divided between 13 undergraduate and 9 postgraduate students studying CISI-accredited courses around the UK.

The 22 winners were initially nominated by their university based on excellence in an item of work or examination. They were then invited to submit an essay of 500 words for the opportunity to attend an interview with the CISI Educational Trust and a chance to achieve a further financial award based on interview performance, a general knowledge test and knowledge of the CISI. The essay title for 2021 was: 'Are financial centres dead? Discuss the impact of key current issues, including Covid-19, on the future of business clusters that make up financial centres around the world.'

Ndodini Nancy Molife from Glasgow Caledonian University is the top performing

postgraduate, receiving an additional £1,000 following an intensive interview process. Ilona Wrzeszcz from University of Greenwich is the top performing undergraduate, receiving an additional award of £1,000. Two runners-up, Elliot Bramham and Zak Warren, both from University of East Anglia, received additional awards of £500 each. The top performing students were invited to attend the CISI Annual Awards Ceremony.

### POSTGRADUATE WINNER

Ndodini said: "It is an incredible honour to be recognised as the postgraduate CISI Educational Trust Award 2021 winner. A rewarding and enriching part of the journey was writing an essay on the fascinating subject of financial centres. The highlight was definitely the interview with highly experienced finance professionals, where we discussed opportunities within, and challenges facing, the financial services sector. As an ambassador of the CISI, I look forward to studying further and becoming a Chartered member,

representing the CISI's commitment to professionalism and integrity."

### UNDERGRADUATE WINNER

Ilona said: "I am honoured to have received the CISI Educational Trust Award 2021 and I am confident that the award will boost my chances of success within the financial sector. As a law student, I found writing essays on finance-related topics was different from what I was used to and therefore pushed me outside of my comfort zone, and I loved it! The highlight of the CISI Educational Trust Awards was the interview, during which I was invited by the interviewers to use my legal background to discuss matters from a different angle. I look forward to acting as an ambassador for the CISI and encourage other students, especially law students, to be confident in their ability to participate in the CISI Educational Trust Awards."

Read Ndodini's winning essay and see the full list of winners and awards at [cisi.org/edtrustawards21](https://cisi.org/edtrustawards21)

## BRANCH PRESIDENT UPDATE

**Andy Jervis CFP™ Chartered MCSI, director at Chesterton House Financial Planning and president of the CISI East Midlands & Lincoln branch, reflects on the past year and calls for a more representative branch**



Our branch held its first virtual meeting on 11 March, receiving excellent feedback from attendees. We welcomed Andrew Walker, Chartered FCSI, regional director at Dimensional, who provided a fascinating insight into what clients value, using data based on wide research, to deliver conclusions about how planners can work more effectively with clients.

We then heard from Amyr Rocha Lima CFP™ Chartered MCSI, partner at Holland Hahn & Wills and recently installed chair of the CISI Financial Planning Forum Committee. Amyr delivered an energetic and inspiring talk; his passion for financial planning is infectious.

### Promoting the CFP™ certification

Equally passionate about financial planning is Sally Plant, who took on the role of CISI head of financial planning in November. Sally previously worked for the CISI, including taking responsibility for expanding the Institute's schools, university and apprenticeship programmes. Some good work is being done now to forge relationships, with the objective of building a long-term pathway from higher education through to qualified CFP professional.

### Annual dinner

The Committee has taken the decision to postpone this year's annual dinner until 2022. I'm sure you will understand that planning an event like that, even if restrictions are relaxed in the current conditions, would have been high on impossible.

### Towards a more representative branch

Before Christmas I attended a virtual Presidents Day, designed to help branch presidents to understand more about the Institute and how to be effective in their role. I was disappointed to learn that our Committee, being populated exclusively by males, is the least diverse in the UK. I am anxious to change this, and would like to invite all members within the region to consider joining our branch Committee. It would be great to have a more representative mix of age, ethnicity and gender driving the branch forward and making a real difference as we go.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for how we can improve the branch, whether that is ideas for speakers, initiatives, educational connections or social events, please let me know.

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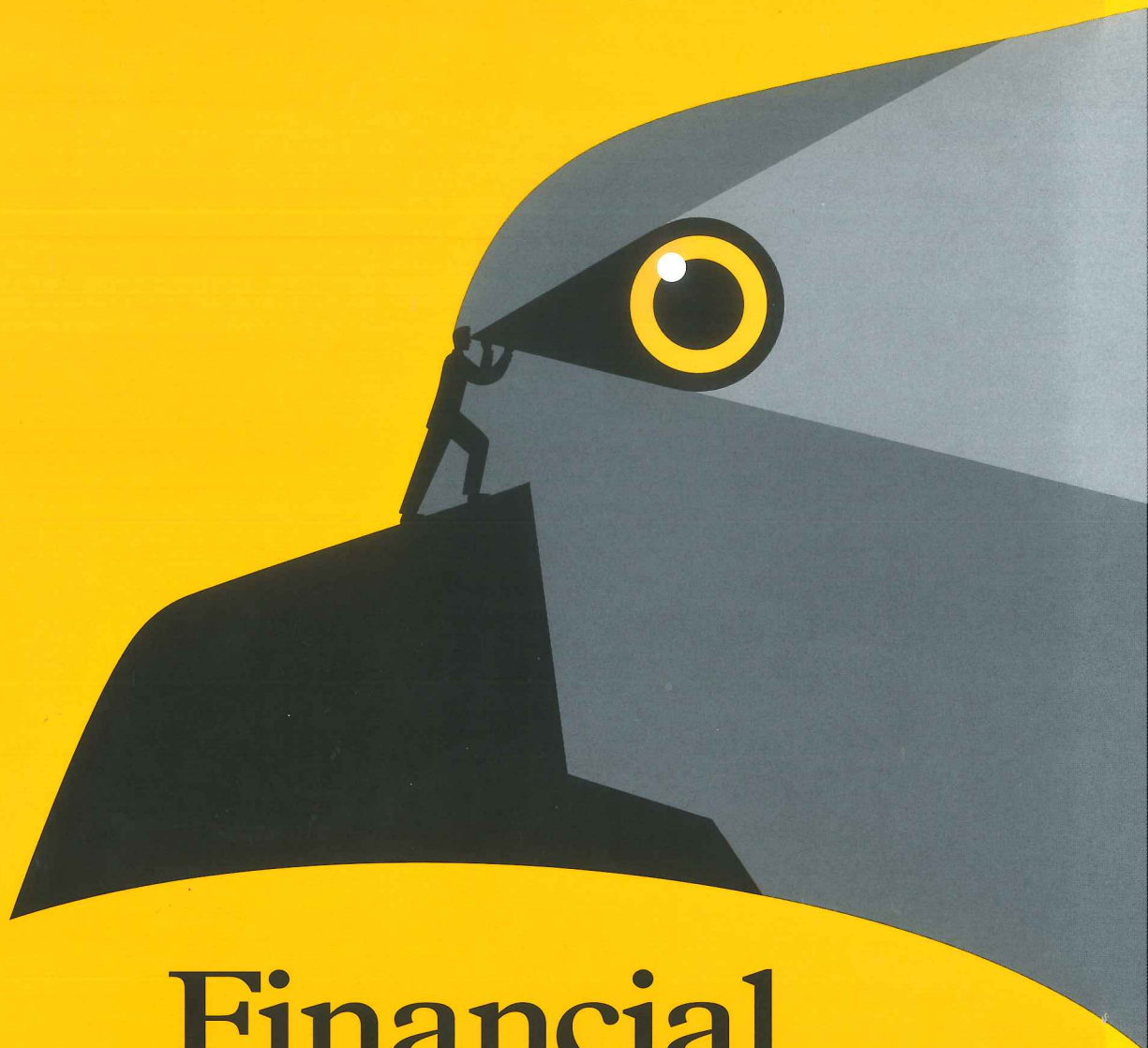
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EXPLORING CHINA'S  
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WORLD ECONOMY



## Financial crime focus

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