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GLOBAL CENTERS OF INSURANCE EXCELLENCE DESIGNEES ANNOUNCED

New York, New York – May 16, 2019 The International Insurance Society has designated four universities as Global Centers of Insurance Excellence (GCIE) in 2019. The GCIE certification program recognizes outstanding risk management and insurance programs that play an integral role in promoting insurance knowledge and research. Since the inception in 2017, the program has designated 34 universities across 11 countries.

The GCIE designation is awarded to universities and colleges that meet stringent criteria focused on student qualifications, course offerings, graduate and industry employment rates, as well as professional involvement. The universities must also demonstrate that students are learning primarily from a designated full-time faculty with appropriate academic qualifications and research expertise.

After a rigorous review, the IIS GCIE Evaluation Committee has designated the following programs:

- [University of Central Arkansas](#)
- [University of Colorado Denver](#)
- [Universität Hamburg](#)
- [University of Witwatersrand](#)

“We established the GCIE program to play our part in addressing the industry’s growing talent shortage,” says Mike Morrissey, IIS President and CEO. “The GCIE designation signals the industry as to where the top talent is being cultivated and in doing so, builds the prominence of the world’s leading insurance programs, which are effectively serving as the top-tier talent pipeline.”

This year’s recognitions will be made before a global audience of more than 500 insurance leaders from 50+ countries, at the IIS Global Insurance Forum, this year taking place in Singapore, June 18 – 21. The Call for Applications for the 2020 GCIE designation will be released in the fall of 2019.

Information on the programs offered by the universities and further details about the GCIE is available on IIS website: www.internationalinsurance.org/recognition

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