

From Mine
to Finger



From Mine to Finger. A deep dive in the world of diamonds

SUMMER SCHOOL: CALL FOR CASES

Are you an expert, entrepreneur or researcher working in the Diamond Industry? Do you have a promising idea that is yet to be further developed? Do you lack the time to do so yourself, or are you just passionate about coaching promising international students that might be the next generation of diamond professionals? Then contributing to this summer school might be something for you!

About the summer school

The Antwerp World Diamond Centre and the University of Antwerp jointly organise the first edition of the summer school **From Mine to Finger. A deep dive into the world of Diamonds**.

During the **first week**, students discover the world of diamonds in every aspect. Topics include the historical, geological, technical, economical, commercial and ethical perspectives of the global diamond trade. During the **second week**, the summer school builds further on this introductory track by focusing on "innovation and sustainability" in every facet of the global diamond industry, from Mine to Finger.

Where

University of Antwerp and Diamond Square
Mile, Antwerp, Belgium

When

28 August - 8 September 2017

Who

The summer school is primarily designed for Master students and final year Bachelor students who are interested in deepening their knowledge about diamonds and its industry. The summer school is open to participants from different disciplines. Students and young professionals with prior knowledge about the diamond industry can also apply to attend the second week only.

More information

www.uantwerp.be/mine-to-finger

Group works

Next to several theoretical lectures, keynote speeches, field visits and workshops, students will also engage in group works which will let them apply some aspects of the knowledge and skills taught during the sessions.

Students will be asked to choose their preferred case prior to the summer school after which interdisciplinary and international groups of 3 to 4 students will be composed. Topics will cover a wide range to enable all participants to find an appropriate match between their interest and the content of the group works.

At the end of the summer school, groups will need to present their working process to their peers and to the jury composed of member of the academic committee and invitees.

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The **goal** of the group work can be mapping a situation, analysing problems and providing procedures or ideas to solve them. Potential topics can be:

- *Natural vs synthetic diamonds: marketing strategies for the natural diamond industry*
- *Evolution of business models: from family-owned businesses to multinational corporations*
- *Diamonds as an investment asset: the uncommoditised commodity?*
- *Sustainability and consumer perception: Chain of Confidence vs. Chain of Custody*

In this call for cases, we are reaching out to map potential topics for these group works. As students can have different disciplinary backgrounds (e.g. physics, geology, engineering, economy, law, history, marketing,...), we would be happy to receive a wide range of suggestions which can ideally be approached in an interdisciplinary way.

Timing?

- > **By Monday 1 May:** fill in and submit template (download the template [here](#))
- > **May:** jointly optimise the conceptualisation with the organising committee
- > **End of May:** accepted students will receive an overview of all cases and will be asked to give their preference
- > **June:** composition of student groups. Not all cases might be selected. This depends on the number of applications and the profile of the applicants.

My case is selected, what's next?

As an expert, you and/or your company/organisation will be asked to introduce and supervise a group during these two weeks. We ask each expert to be present/available during (at least) 3 moments during these two weeks, i.e.:

- > Monday 28 August, afternoon: introduction to the case
- > Monday 4 September, afternoon: intermediary follow-up
- > Friday 8 September, afternoon: presentation group works and feedback

Next to these 3 sessions, you are strongly encouraged to remain available for students for other questions and queries. Moreover, groups will be coached and tutored by (internationally) renowned experts coming from both the academic world and the industry itself.

English is the language of instruction of the summer school. We therefore expect all idea owners to be fluent in English (both speaking and writing).

Non-disclosure

In order to stimulate interaction between students, teachers and experts, and to maximize the exchange of knowledge, proposed cases cannot be subject to non-disclosure.

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