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With recent dips in the stock market and economic uncertainty dominating our nightly news, investors are left to wonder what their financial future holds in store. Dr. Wei Guan may have some of the answers. After many years of research and teaching, Guan is bringing his real-world approach to students studying finance at USF St. Petersburg.

Guan defines his teaching style as "pragmatic and student-oriented" and that he focuses "on applying modern finance theory to real-world financial decision-making using the latest technology."

"Dr. Guan has amassed a wealth of teaching experience and has distinguished himself as an expert in the field of finance," said Gary Olson, interim associate vice president for Academic Affairs. "He feels he will make an excellent instructor and prove to be a valuable asset to his colleagues as they collaborate on a number of research projects."

Guan's areas of teaching and research include financial markets and institutions, investments, financed derivatives, business finance, and international financial management. His recent research on forecasting financial market volatility has drawn broad attention among finance scholars and practitioners. As a result, he has been recognized over the past two years on the top 100 author's list (out of 30,000 total authors) on the leading Social Science Research Network based on the number of downloads of working papers. (http://www.ssrn.com)

"I am excited about the opportunity of working closely with the talented faculty, staff and students in this distinctive institution," said Guan. He will join USF St. Petersburg’s faculty as an assistant professor of finance in the fall session.

He received his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering at Shenyang Polytechnic University in China. He continued his studies in the same academic area at Liaoning Technical University, also in China, and earned his master’s degree. Once in the United States, he attended Oklahoma City University and received a second master’s in finance. Shortly thereafter, he received his Ph.D. in finance from the University of Oklahoma.

Guan is currently an associate professor of finance at Delaware State University in Dover. Previously, he taught at the University of Oklahoma, Shenyang University and Liaoning Technical University.