*Assignment Brief, Assessment Criteria and Assignment Submission*

*Individual assignment topic: The implications of Covid-19 pandemic for Financial Technology*

*Financial technology (Fintech) firms can now be found in many areas of the financial system. The objective of your report is to review the literature on the changes in FinTech due to the Covid-19 pandemic. More explicitly, students are expected to use one or more papers to discuss the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on FinTech. Your report should:*

*Briefly explain the impact of Covid-19 on the economy and finance*

*Briefly discuss the applications of FinTech*

*Discuss the role of Covid-19 pandemic on FinTech*

*Outline the method and data used by the researchers*

*Evaluate the findings*

*Discuss the implications for financial services organisations, firms and individuals*

*Success criteria for the assignment: There is no right or wrong answer as such. Your report will mainly be evaluated on your line of reasoning which should make use of the existing academic literature. The idea is to let you go into depth. You are responsible for setting the scope of the project. You will have to devise a means of assimilating the academic and practitioner literature; you should refer to both. You can search the electronic journals on the library website for suitable articles. Research papers can be found on google scholar and www.ssrn.com. Unpublished working papers are acceptable but do note that you will find a range of quality. Note that you will also find review papers and essays on these sites.*

*You can search the electronic journals on the library website for articles. Your reading need NOT be restricted to finance and you may also use scholarships from other disciplines. White papers by investment companies and professional bodies can also be used but you should look to apply theory and not merely repackage existing facts, figures and trends. Diagrams, tables and other exhibits can be included but make sure that these can be clearly read and understood by the markers.*

*A high standard report will:*

*provide clear, concise explanations*

*provide critical analysis rather than a description*

*incorporate both theory and evidence in your analysis*

*use appropriate scholarly research*

*recommend strategies or solutions for firms, individuals and/or regulators*

*1,500 words is the maximum length of the report, including appendices but not references, tables, exhibits or infographics. A 10% tolerance applies. You are not expected to devote much space to media reports. Where appendices are used these should be provided in synopsis form only and the impact on the analysis should be discussed, cross-referenced and explained. You can use any type of referencing but please be consistent and remember to include a reference list. For more information see:*

*https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/undergraduate/good-practice/referencing*