



CFA Institute®

2026 RESEARCH CHALLENGE

Let's all strive for greatness.



The CFA Institute Research Challenge is a great test for all students who are bold enough to face it. But, like any great challenge, the opportunities and rewards it offers are even greater.



This annual global equity research competition provides university students with hands-on mentoring and intensive training in financial analysis. Working in teams, students gain realworld experience as they assume the role of research analysts and are judged on their ability to value a stock, write a research report, and present their recommendations.

Is your university up to the challenge?

Form your team and give your students the opportunity to compete against their peers from other schools to see who will become the local, regional, and global champions. Your participation also gives you the chance to showcase your university on a highly visible local, national, and global stage.

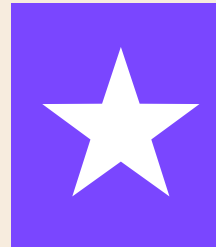
CFA Society Singapore will work with universities to assemble teams of three to five undergraduate and/or graduate students. Teams research and analyse a designated publicly traded company; prepare a written report on that company that supports a buy, sell, or hold recommendation; receive advice and support from a faculty advisor and an industry mentor; and present and defend their findings to a panel of industry experts.

Winners from the local competitions advance to subregional competitions, then on to regional competitions in the Americas, Asia, and Europe, culminating in a global final.

2025 PARTICIPATION

7000+
Students

2500+
Volunteers



150+
CFA® Societies

120
Local
Challenges



1100+
Universities

100
Countries



BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

Showcase your university on a global scale

Augment classroom learning

Network with professionals, peers from other universities, and others in the community



First step in the path towards becoming a charterholder

Elevate your school's reputation and standing against competing schools

Give students practical training equity research and exposure to industry experts

Provide career opportunities for students

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible to compete?

Both undergraduate and graduate students.

When is the Challenge?

The local finals hosted by CFA Society Singapore will be held in February 2026. Sub-Regional, Regional, and Global competitions follow in the months after. Visit CFA Society Singapore's [website](#) to find out more.

How is the Research Challenge different from a "stock picking" competition?

Students conduct in-depth analysis on a single company and produce a full equity research report. The winning team is chosen based on the thoroughness of its analysis and knowledge of one company, rather than whether their predictions of the stock price are correct.

How can I get involved?

Students: Form a team of to represent your university. Compete in the inter-university selection before advancing to the finals.

Faculty Advisor: Provides guidance and direction to the team throughout all levels of competition. Main university contact to CFA Society Singapore.

Industry Mentors: Assigned to teams advancing to local finals. Mentors review the team's written report and provide critique of their presentation.

SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to accelerate the learning of your students while giving your university great exposure on a local, national, and global stage.

For more information, please visit

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