

CFA INFORMATION

1. CFA INSTITUTE RESEARCH CHALLENGE 2024

Are you interested in investment banking? If yes, just enroll in another year of student team competition the CFA Institute Research Challenge, which is held by the [CFA Institute](#) (globally) and the [CFA Society Czech Republic](#) (locally).

You can enroll ideally as a **team of 3-5 students**. The competition is intended for the students from economic schools all over the world.

TARGET

The target of the competition is the real-world company analysis, equity valuation and investment recommendation and its presentation to a panel of industry professionals. The name of the company will be determined at **official Kick-off meeting and presentation on Tuesday, 10.10. 2023.**

WHAT IS THE COMPETITION ABOUT?

- You will have the possibility to analyze real publicly quoted company, which also includes engaging of the Investor Relations department of the target company.
- The goal is to analyze the company, prepare the written report and present your investment recommendation in front of a panel of investment professionals.
- You will be mentored by the investment professionals (with CFA qualification).
- You will be in touch with the target company – the target company will be announced during the Kick-off meeting.
- You will get the support of CFA Society Czech Republic and you will get to know professionals with the CFA charter.
- Investment professionals will be assessing your reports and presentation.
- Global format of the competition – the local winner will advance to the EMEA regional round and the winner will further move forward to the global round, where they will compete with the other teams from Asia-Pacific and Americas regions.
- Special effort put to ethics, including CFA Code of Ethics, which ensure objectivity and transparency of the Challenge. (Ethical standards are one of the main pillars of the CFA Institute).

The current year's **Kick-off meeting will be held online on October 10, 2023** and will be recorded. The link will be accessible in LMS and [CFA Society Czech Republic](#) webpage.

Further info is available at [CFA Society Czech Republic](#) webpage, too.

Students' team, who will be representing the university, will be nominated by the university. For further info, please contact CFA Principal Contact Person. Each university can be represented by 1 - 2 teams.

• YOU CAN REGISTER FROM 10.10. 2023 UNTIL 17.10. 2023!

- **Entry form must include:**
 - Name, address, e-mail, phone number
 - CV
 - Letter of motivation (one for the whole team)

Please, send your application to this e-mail: katerina.korena@vsb.cz

COMPETITION GUARANTORS:

Ing. Kateřina Kořená, Ph.D. (CFA Principal Contact Person)
prof. Ing. Tomáš Tichý, Ph.D. (Head of Department of Finance)

CFA Institute Research Challenge Local Round Coordinator: Lukáš Brych
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Online resources:

- Videos on YouTube from past years: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=research+challenge
- Student Resources by CFA Institute (also e.g. How to write research report etc.): <https://www.cfainstitute.org/societies/challenge/student-preparation>
- Past Global Champions reports and presentations: <https://www.cfainstitute.org/societies/challenge/past-champions>
- General info about RC: <https://www.cfainstitute.org/societies/challenge>

COMPETITION TIMELINE

10 October (TBC)	Kick-Off
Next days	University to Nominate Teams
24 October	Register with CFA Institute
26 October (TBC)	Company Presentation, Prague/livestream
Week of 13 Nov (TBC)	Analyst Question Call
8 December	1 st Draft Due to Mentor
22 December 23:59	Final Report Due
Interim	Report Grading
12 January	Teams Announcement
1 February (TBC)	Local Final Presentations
March (TBA)	Subregional round, EMEA
April (TBA)	Regional Semifinals/Finals, EMEA
May (TBA)	Global Final

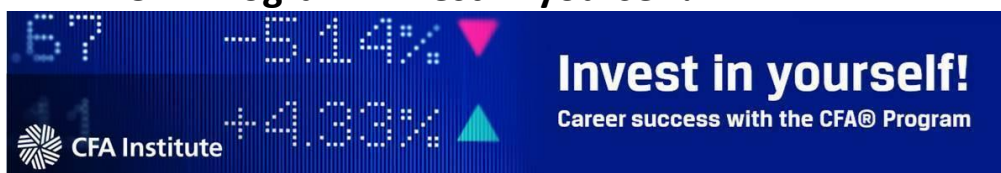
2. CFA SCHOLARSHIPS are preferentially granted for students of master and doctoral programs of Faculty of Economics in Ostrava, branch of study: Finance + for participants of CFA Research Challenge.

Scholarship can be granted for 6 students + it is possible to use this Scholarship for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd exam level of CFA Program.

- + Read the CFA Student Guide to Student Scholarships carefully.
- + Do not apply for the CFA Program Student Scholarship on CFA website now, according VŠB-TU Ostrava Rules you must be approved firstly by the University!

3. WEBINAR: New information sessions for students in October:

CFA Program: Invest in yourself!



In this 60-minute **webinar** you'll hear about:

- CFA Program: its value, and contents
- Exciting updates on the CFA Program for students
- Career guidance and other free resources

Please select one of the repeat sessions below:

Tuesday 24th October 10am-11am London, 11am-12pm Paris, 1pm-2pm Dubai –

<https://global.cfainstituteevents.org/d/5pqd88/>

Tuesday 24th October 3pm – 4pm London, 4pm-5pm Paris, 6pm-7pm Dubai

- <https://global.cfainstituteevents.org/d/2pqrr2/>

Thursday 26th October 10am – 11am London, 11am-12pm Paris, 1pm-2pm Dubai –

<https://global.cfainstituteevents.org/d/kpqr7/>

Monday 30 October 3pm -4pm London, 4pm-5pm Paris, 6pm-7pm Dubai –

<https://global.cfainstituteevents.org/d/7pqrtn/>

Tuesday 31st October 10am – 11am London, 11am-12pm Paris, 1pm-2pm Dubai –

<https://global.cfainstituteevents.org/d/jpqr7k/>

Tuesday 31st October 3pm -4pm London, 4pm-5pm Paris, 6pm-7pm Dubai –

<https://global.cfainstituteevents.org/d/gpqrtp/>