

FDIC Academic Challenge Code of Conduct

To preserve the integrity of the academic competition and encourage broad student participation, the FDIC sets forth the following Code of Conduct for the Academic Challenge.

- Participating students and faculty advisors assume all responsibility for meeting all competition deadlines.
- All academic research conducted as part of this competition should be completed with integrity and honesty.
- A team competing in the FDIC Academic Challenge warrants that their written submission and (if selected) live presentation are the original work of the participating students and that all team members had substantive roles in the research and production of the written submission and live presentation.
- Participants will not engage in plagiarism, either intentionally or unintentionally. Participants should carefully cite and acknowledge all sources used in their work. Judges may elect to use third-party resources to detect plagiarism.
- All participants, including students, faculty advisors, and FDIC staff, should act professionally and considerately during all communication and interactions throughout the competition.
- Participants will refrain from any discriminatory, harassing, threatening, or harmful behavior towards any other participant during all Academic Challenge activities. Participants who believe themselves to be the target of, or witness to, such actions should report their concerns to Lisa Gilmore, Assistant Director for Labor and Employee Relations (ligilmore@fdic.gov) or Philip Shively, Deputy Director for Research and Regulatory Analysis (pshively@fdic.gov).
- Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in the immediate disqualification of a team's submission. Decisions on disqualification are at the sole discretion of the FDIC.
- Decisions of the judges, including the selection of teams to invite to the live presentation round, the evaluation of presentations, and any determinations of plagiarism, are final.