

FDIC Academic Challenge Guidelines and Permissions

Guidelines

- Participation is open to all undergraduate students attending U.S. colleges and universities.
- Each team must consist of 4-5 students and have a faculty advisor. The role of the faculty advisor is to assist students in thinking through the material and to interact with FDIC as needed.
- Individual colleges and universities may have multiple teams submit responses. A student may be a member of at most one team. A faculty advisor may advise any number of teams.
- All participants must adhere to the [Code of Conduct](#).
- Written responses should be limited to 6 pages of text, plus an executive summary of up to 1 page (7 pages total). References and up to 3 pages of figures/tables are not included in the page limit. All figures and tables should be self-contained and included at the end of the document. Text should be single spaced in Times New Roman font, 12 pt, with 1" margins on all sides of the page.
- Responses that exceed 7 pages total (per the guidelines above) will be returned and teams will only be allowed to resubmit if the revised entry is submitted prior to the deadline. Responses exceeding the page limit submitted on the deadline date will not be considered for the competition.
- Teams will be provided with a public dataset to assist in addressing the competition question, which may be supplemented with additional data available to the general public. FDIC Economists will also host two online sessions to help students find resources and address questions.
- The competition consists of two rounds. In the first round, teams submit a written response to a question on the banking industry. In the second round, 5 finalist teams will be invited to Washington D.C. to give a presentation of their findings and answer questions from a panel of judges who work in the areas of banking and bank supervision.
- FDIC will sponsor all travel related expenses for the 5 finalist teams that are invited to Washington D.C. for the second round presentations.
- All judge determinations are final and the winning team will be notified at the conclusion of the competition.

Permissions

All competition participants must agree to the following permissions:

- I give permission to post the recording of my presentation and photos taken during my presentation on FDIC.gov, which is accessible by the general public.
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- I give permission to post my paper submission on FDIC.gov, which is accessible by the general public.