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CFA Institute Ethics Challenge



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Who can participate?

- Teams consist of 3-5 students. Graduate and undergraduate students are eligible. Each team must have one faculty advisor.
- Students must be enrolled full- or part-time at the participating university at the time of the Challenge.
- Students who have previously participated in an Ethics Challenge are ineligible.
- Participants must abide by the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.
- CFA® charterholders are ineligible to be team members.

Why should you participate?

The Ethics Challenge offers many benefits to the university and your students, including:

- Increases awareness of real-world ethical dilemmas and prepares students for how to handle them.
- Students receive digital participation badges to display on their LinkedIn and CV.
- Augments classroom learning by combining theory and practice.
- Improves student presentation and teamwork skills.
- Positive public relations and brand exposure for your school.
- Demonstrates the importance of strong ethics to tomorrow's professionals.
- Provides professional networking opportunities for students and faculty.

How can you get involved?

Promote the Ethics Challenge to your students and create a team. Faculty members and professors are also invited to volunteer as student mentors/advisors.

For more information?

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