



# Quant Awards

The Quantitative Finance Competition

## Eligibility

Quant Awards are open to **university** students and interns in quantitative finance regardless of specialty. Applications are free. No CFA candidacy or membership is required.

## Submission

Students must submit their **original** research focusing on the topic of **Quantitative Finance**. The report should concentrate on the importance and practical applications rather than technique. It can consist of an end of studies dissertation, internship report or work conducted specifically for the Quant Awards.

## Format

The report must be written in **English**

- It should be between **5- and 7-pages long (excluding appendices)**
- The cover page should contain **ONLY** the title but **NOT** the candidate or university name
- The report should be a PDF file named as follows: **Quant Awards - Candidate name - University name – (or Company Name if it is an adaptation of an internship report)**

## Mentoring

Students may request advice on a specific topic related to their paper. They will benefit from a 1:1 coaching session, which shall not exceed 1h, to provide guidance on how to choose the paper's topic, the structure and organization of the paper and quant/technical questions related to the student's paper/topic only. Students may request the session writing to:

quant-awards-mentoring@cfafrance.org

## Registration and Deadlines

Candidates should register before **31 May using this [link](#)**. Registration after 31 May will be allowed on a case by case basis. Registered candidates must submit their reports before **31 August to [quantawards@cfafrance.org](mailto:quantawards@cfafrance.org)**.

## Judging

The judging panel consists of **several independent judges** and a **Super Judge**. The panel may call on external experts if participation is particularly high or if a given report requires additional technical oversight.

Reports are judged **anonymously**, with a code replacing the names of the candidates. Each paper receives a grade from 1 to 10. Their mark is a **weighted average** of four criteria:

- Applicability and relevance (30%)
- Innovation (30%)
- Accuracy and completeness (30%)
- Presentation (10%)

Papers are afterwards normalized and the three papers with the highest score will make it to the final. The Super Judge will determine the order of the 3 winners. Decisions may not be appealed.

## Awards

- 1st prize: €3,000 + trip to the award ceremony
- 2nd prize: €2,000 + trip to the award ceremony
- 3rd prize: €1,000 + trip to the award ceremony

## Award Ceremony

The Award Ceremony will take place before the following year's competition starts. It will be held in the country where the winner applied. All winners will be invited, and travel and housing costs covered (with a limit of €500 per person). All participants are welcome to attend the ceremony at their own costs.

## About CFA Societies

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## Questions?

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