

## REGISTRATION

# Rules of the 32<sup>st</sup> International Competition of master degree theses on Economy and Finance

## ARTICLE 1: THE ORGANISER

The Centre des Professions Financières in cooperation with its partners: Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations, Covéa, Instituts des Actuaires, Association Française de la Gestion Financière organize in 2019/2020 a competition entitled “32<sup>nd</sup> International Competition of Master degree Theses on Economics and Finance”. The main theme of 32<sup>nd</sup> edition is: **Long Term Investment to accompany major transformations.**

## ARTICLE 2: THE PARTICIPANTS

The Competition is open to students who are in the process of completing their studies and that have achieved or are about to achieve the following level:

- Second, third or final year programs of the French ‘Grandes Ecoles’ (including training in financial and economic matters).
- Second year post-graduate program, (Master’s Degree or MSc).
- Any equivalent post-graduate program by prior agreement with the Centre.
- Completion of a specialized higher education course with a focus on finance or economic (DEFSCF, Master’s degree, IAE)

No PhD dissertations are accepted.

Theses written by more than two authors are not accepted.

## ARTICLE 3: THE THESES

- To qualify for entry the thesis must have been written during one of the studies stipulated in Article 2 and defended **after January 1st, 2019.**
- It should represent an in-depth study of a clearly-defined economic, financial, commercial or legal theme linked with the Long Term Investment to accompany major transformation.
- The assessment criteria are the following: originality and the topicality of the subject, degree of interest for the financial profession, well- supported arguments, depth of research into existing literature thereby demonstrating mastery of the subject, possibilities

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for its application, and quality of conclusion. The thesis should be clear and articulated.

- The subject and form of the thesis are the student's choice. The thesis must be written in French or English. Except jury's agreement, theses do not have to be published before the date of the award ceremony.
- Financial analyses (stricto sensu) or analysis cases are excluded.
- **The thesis should be listed among the top 20% of the institution's ranking and necessarily have been awarded a grade 15/20 or B+ or better.**

Each education center (for instance banking and finance master of a particular university) cannot address more than 3 theses and each university or Institution cannot address more than 10 theses. In case of a greater number of theses addressed to the contest, the organizers of the competition reserve all rights to eliminate redundant theses by its sole choice before transmission to the jury.

The Centre and its partners reserve the right to reproduce the finalists' theses on their websites or approved websites and to disseminate in their booklets, publications or documents, in part or in whole, the finalists' theses. The Centre does not take any responsibility for infringement of copyright or any other rights agreed by the institution or the student with third parties.

#### ARTICLE 4: THE JURY

- The Centre invites a number of distinguished personalities from the academic and professional world of finance and economics in France or abroad.
- The Jury reserves the right to involve outside experts.
- The members of the Jury decide on the appropriate structure and frequency of meetings for the selection process.
- The selection process will take place behind closed doors and the Jury's deliberations will not be made public. The Jury's decision is final, has not to be motivated and is not subject to appeal.
- The Jury may nominate candidates, choose the prize(s) and mentions, honors if need be.
- Exceptionally, the Jury reserves the right to decide not to award any prizes.

#### ARTICLE 5: CONFIDENTIALITY

Until the end of the selection process, the members of the Jury agree neither to divulge any confidential information nor to distribute part or all of the submitted theses. The outside experts take the same agreement.

After the end of the process, the nominated theses could be diffused or published in whole or in part, after the agreement of the Centre des Professions Financières, by the Centre and/or by the partners. After the

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end of the process, the nominated can publish their works as they wish.

## ARTICLE 6 : THE SUBMISSION PROCESS

Entrants should send the following documents:

By e-mail to: [contact@professionsfinancieres.com](mailto:contact@professionsfinancieres.com)

- The full thesis in PDF formats (an unlocked version) in anonymous (which should carry no information at all about school, professors or student: logo, names, address,...) and non-anonymous format (the original thesis which has been defended). In case of dispute, the nominative PDF version will prevail.
- A one-page thesis synopsis in PDF format (an unlocked version) in anonymous (which should carry no information at all about school, professors or student: logo, names, address,...) and non-anonymous format.

By post AND e-mail (scanned formats) to:

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**Centre des Professions Financières**  
6 avenue Mac Mahon – 75017 Paris

[contact@professionsfinancieres.com](mailto:contact@professionsfinancieres.com)

- The application form, duly completed by the tutor, the head of department and the student(s), one form by student if the thesis has been written by two authors.
- The non-plagiarism commitments validated by the institution and the student(s)
- The publication authorisation form (for the thesis nominated)

**Any work that does not match the rules set here would be eliminated without prior consultation.**

The closing date for submission is set for September 30th, 2020 \*. This deadline could be extended on decision of the organizer.

\* **Update of the Rules:** Number of Universities and Grandes Écoles informed us about the difficulties caused by the health crisis on the conduct of their activities. The Committee of the organization of the Competition, in accordance with Article 6 of its Rules and considering this very exceptional situation, decided to extend the period for applications until **31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**.

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## ARTICLE 7: THE WINNERS

The list presenting the finalists, nominates, mentions and prizes winners will be announced on December 2020.

Prizes amount and distribution:

- Prize monies will be shared between the winning student and his/her institution.
- Where an institution is not able to accept its share, its prize money will be added to the reserve fund set up to finance the work and activities of Jury - selected candidates for their doctorate studies (PhD). The choice of the beneficiaries and the amounts awarded will be determined exclusively by the Jury of the Competition.

## ARTICLE 8

In exceptional circumstances, the organizer reserves the right to curtail, extend, modify, postpone or cancel the contest. Its responsibility could not be engaged by doing so.

## ARTICLE 9

Participation in the Contest implies full and complete acceptance of these rules deposited at the Centre des Professions Financières.

The French version of rules is regarded as constituting proof.

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**APPLICATION FORM TO THE 32<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

**COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS WITH ACCENTS**

**Entrant**

**Name:** .....

**First name:**.....

**Address:**  
.....

.....**Country:** .....

**Date and place of birth:**  
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**Phone:**.....

**E-mail:**.....

**Thesis subject:**  
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**Orals date:** .....

**Time spent working on the thesis:**

- 6 months                       other (please indicate)  
 1 year                                      .....

2 years

**University or Institution**

**Name:** .....

**Address:** .....

.....**Country:**.....

**Formation attended (precise description with  
number of the formation or master):**  
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**Tutor:**

**Name:**.....

**First name:**.....

**Phone:**.....

**E-mail:** .....

**Professor in charge of Department:**

**Name:**.....

**First name:**.....

**Phone:**.....

**E-mail:** .....

**Date and signature**

**Date, signature and stamp**

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