



CSEF-DiSES Junior Fellows Program

Call for Applications
Academic Year 2024-25

The Center for Studies in Economics and Finance (CSEF) and the Department of Economics and Statistics at the University of Naples Federico II (DiSES), within the Program “Dipartimenti di Eccellenza”, invite applications for up to **6 Junior Fellows positions for the academic year 2024-2025**, as established by the Departmental Board in its meeting n.3 held on April 9, 2024.

The fellowship aims to enhance the curriculum vitae and skills of students who want to pursue a career in research or academia. It is designed to prepare candidates for advanced studies, such as a Ph.D. in Economics or Finance.

Successful applicants will receive a **scholarship of 2.000 Euro** to support their studies in the first year of the initiative.

Requirements for admission

- Applicants must be enrolled in the first year of one of the following Master’s programs (Laurea Magistrale) offered by the Department of Economics and Statistics at the University of Naples Federico II:
 1. Economics and Finance
 2. Finanza
 3. Economia e Commercio

The fellowship is compatible with the attendance of double degree or Erasmus programs.

- Applicants are expected to have an outstanding Academic CV. The GPA will be a significant criterion in the evaluation process.
- Proficiency in English is required.

Application Submission and Evaluation.

Interested students should submit their application via email to mef@unina.it and dip.scienze-econ-stat@unina.it by 11:59 PM of May 17, 2024. The application must include:

- Curriculum Vitae;
- Official transcripts of grades, from both the Laurea Triennale and Magistrale, displaying: the final grade (if applicable) the list of exams taken and their grades;
- A Statement of Purpose (up to 1.000 words) explaining the applicant's interest in the initiative and career aspirations.

The Selection Committee will be formed by three members of the Department of Economics and Statistics.

The Committee will assess each application based on the criteria mentioned above, assigning a maximum of 100 points. Applicants who achieve a minimum score of 50 points will be invited for an interview to be held in English, which will be conducted during the first half of June 2024.

Program of the Initiative.

The program supports students in their second year of the Laurea Magistrale and during the gap year before beginning a Ph.D. Specifically, the activities include:

- For CSEF-DiSES Junior Fellows in the Second Year of the Laurea Magistrale:

1. **Coursework:**

Junior Fellows must attend advanced (PhD-level) courses aligned with their research interests.

These courses can be integrated as elective courses in the Laurea Magistrale's study plan upon coordination with the Course Coordinator.

2. **Mentorship:**

Each student is paired with up to two CSEF researchers based on their research interests.

Mentors will provide guidance throughout the year. While the mentor will not necessarily be the thesis supervisor, they can offer an informed recommendation letter for the Ph.D. (or research institution) application process.

3. **Research Assistantship:**

During the first summer of the initiative (June-August 2024), Junior Fellows are required to undertake research assistantship work under their mentor's supervision.

4. **Seminars and Presentations:**

Junior Fellows are encouraged to participate in the CSEF seminars series and Ph.D. Seminar series and have the opportunity to present their own research projects.

5. **Facilities Access:**

Each Junior Fellow is provided with their own desk in Room B1, which is shared among all Junior Fellows to foster collaboration. Moreover, Junior Fellows are granted access to the parking lots in the Monte Sant'Angelo campus.

- For CSEF-DiSES Junior Fellows During the Ph.D. Gap Year:

1. **Ph.D. Application Guidance:**

Mentors will guide students throughout the Ph.D. application process.

2. **Research/Teaching Assistantships:**

Students are encouraged to apply for Research/Teaching Assistantship positions to fund the gap year between the master's and the Ph.D.

For a detailed list of yearly activities, please refer to the webpage of the initiative <https://csef.it/junior-fellows/>