



CSEF Junior Fellows Initiative

Call for Applications for A.Y. 2023-24

CSEF opens a call for up to **5 Junior Fellows** for the academic year 2023-2024.

The aim of the fellowship is to strengthen the CV and the skills of the students that want to pursue a research or academic career (hence continue their studies with a PhD in Economics or Finance). The fellowship is compatible with double degree and Erasmus programs.

- **Who can apply.**

- Students enrolled in the first year of one of the three Masters (Laurea Magistrale) offered by the Department of Economics and Statistics of the University of Naples Federico II (Economics and Finance, Finanza, Economia e Commercio) who are interested in pursuing an academic career. Students from the Department of Mathematics with a genuine interest for topics in Economics and Finance are also encouraged to apply.
- As all activities of the initiative are in English, proficiency in English is required.

- **How to apply.** Interested students should send an email to mef@unina.it by May 15th, 2023 including

- CV
- Transcripts of grades (Laurea Triennale and Magistrale)
- A statement of purpose, around 1000 words, describing why they are interested in the initiative.

Shortlisted students will be called for an interview scheduled during the second half of May 2023

- There will be an in-person meeting to present the initiative on **Monday, May 8th at 11:30**. Prospective students can contact mef@unina.it and/or elia.sartori@unina.it and/or pagnozzi@unina.it for further information.

Program of the Initiative.

For a list of yearly activities see the webpage of the initiative <https://csef.it/junior-fellows/>

- *The program follows the students in their second year of the Laurea Magistrale and in the gap year before starting a Ph.D. In particular,*

1. Activities of CSEF Junior Fellows attending the second year of the Laurea Magistrale:

- (a) Each student is matched with a CSEF researcher (mentor), assigned based on the research interests. The mentor will advise him/her throughout the year. The mentor will not necessarily be the thesis supervisor, but will be able to write an informed recommendation letter for the PhD (or research institution) application process. The student might be involved in the research of the mentor as Research Assistant.
- (b) The student attends advanced or PhD-level courses based on his/her research interest to strengthen the CV.
 - i. These courses can be converted as elective courses in the study plan of the Laurea Magistrale, after agreeing with the Course Coordinator.
- (c) Students will attend the CSEF seminars series and PhD Seminar series. Participation to research seminars will stimulate interest and exposure to the frontier of academic research. It is also a great opportunity to identify topics for successful master thesis. Students are encouraged to meet with speakers with close research interest.
- (d) Students have the opportunity to present their own research project – or, alternatively, an academic paper decided with the mentor – during the PhD seminar series. Enhancing presentation skills is an objective of the initiative.
- (e) Students will have an office/study place at the department.

2. Activities of CSEF Junior Fellows during the PhD gap year

- (a) In addition to the activities listed above, the mentor will guide students throughout the PhD application process.
- (b) Students will be encouraged to apply to Research/Teaching Assistantship positions to fund – at least partially – the gap year between the master and the PhD. The mentor will support the mentee's application.