

# APPLICATION FORM - 2012

## The 28<sup>th</sup> International Competition of Master's Theses on Economics and Finance

Organised by the Centre des Professions Financières, Paris, France

Please note that theses not listed among the top 20% of your institution's ranking and be awarded with a grade lower than B+ or 15/20 will not qualify for the competition.

**Deadline for submission: Friday, ~~16<sup>th</sup> December 2011~~ 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

### Entrant

Mr  Mrs  Ms

Name: .....

First name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone n°: .....

E-mail: .....

University / Academic institution:

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Discipline: .....

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Thesis subject:

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Time spent working on the thesis:

6 months  other (please indicate)

1 year .....

2 years

Date and signature:

### University or other academic institution

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Tutor:

Mr  Mrs  Ms

Name: .....

First name: .....

Position: .....

Telephone n°: .....

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Head of Department:

Mr  Mrs  Ms

Name: .....

First name: .....

Position: .....

Telephone n°: .....

E-mail: .....

Grade of the thesis: .....

Date, signature and seal:

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**1. By e-mail to [cimef@professionsfinancieres.com](mailto:cimef@professionsfinancieres.com):**

- Complete thesis in WORD or PDF format (an unlocked format; a version with the student's name and a nameless version<sup>1</sup>)
- A one-page synopsis of the thesis in WORD or an unlocked PDF format (a version with the student's name and a nameless version<sup>1</sup>)

**2. By post:**

- One paper copy of the entire thesis
- Application form, duly and legible completed, non-plagiarism form, publication authorisation form

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### ARTICLE 1: THE ORGANISER

The 'CENTRE DES PROFESSIONS FINANCIÈRES' organises in 2012 a competition entitled "International Competition of Master's Theses on Economics and Finance": The promoter of this event is its member organisation 'LE CLUB DES JEUNES FINANCIERS'. Various institutions cooperate with the Centre des Professions Financières by, for instance, distributing the 'professional' prizes and the Top Prize for the competition.

### ARTICLE 2: THE PARTICIPANTS

The competition is open to students in the process of completing or having recently completed their studies and having achieved or are about to achieve the following level:

- Second, third or final year programmes of the French 'Grandes Écoles' (with specialisation in finance or economics).
- Second or third year post-graduate programme with specialisation in finance or economics (Master's Degree as MSc, MA or MBA).
- Any equivalent post-graduate programme with prior agreement of the Centre.
- No PhD dissertations are accepted.

### ARTICLE 3: THE THESES

- To qualify for the competition, the thesis must have been written during one of the stages stipulated in article 2 and defended after the **1<sup>st</sup> September 2010**.
- It should represent an **in-depth study of a clearly-defined economic, financial, commercial or legal subject dealing with financial analysis, insurance, banking, financial markets, accounting, tax or commercial law, economics (macro- as well as microeconomics), corporate finance, asset and liability management, risk management or real estate**. The subject should be chosen by the student.
- The assessment criteria are the following: originality of the subject, the degree of interest for the financial professions, well-supported arguments, depth of the analysis of the existing literature and thereby demonstrating mastery of the subject, possibilities for its application and the quality of the conclusion. The thesis should be clear and articulate.
- The subject and form of the thesis are the student's choice. The thesis must be written in French or English. Except with prior agreement of the jury, theses do not have to be published before the date of the award ceremony.
- Financial analyses (stricto sensu) or case analyses are excluded.
- **The thesis should be listed among the top 20% of the institution's ranking and be awarded with a grade of 15/20 or B+ or better.**
- Each degree programme as for instance the master specialising in accountancy of a given university will only be authorised to send 10 theses. If more theses are received, the organiser reserves the right to eliminate the extra theses according to his own choice and before the transmission to the jury.
- The Centre and its prize donors reserve the right to reproduce the finalists' theses, partly or completely, on their websites. 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 jury consists of distinguished personalities in France and of the international financial scene. The donors of the Top Prize and each of the professional associations providing the other prizes appoint two additional members.
- The jury reserves the right to consult external experts.
- The members of the jury will decide on the appropriate structure and the frequency of meetings for the selection process.
- The selection process will take place in private and the jury's deliberations will not be made public. The jury's decision is final, has not to be justified and is not subject to appeal.
- The jury nominates up to 3 candidates and exceptionally also up to 5 candidates for each prize and decides on the winners, 'runners up' and 'honourable mentions'.
- The jury reserves the right to decide not to award certain 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. After the end of the process, the nominees' theses could be diffused or published in whole or in part by the Centre and/or by the partners of the competition, but just after the agreement of the Centre des Professions.

## **ARTICLE 6: THE SUBMISSION PROCESS**

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All envelopes should be sent to:

**Mémoires de l'Économie et de la Finance  
Centre des Professions Financières  
20 rue de l'Arcade 75008 Paris, France**

**Up to one month after the award ceremony students can retrieve their papers. After the expiration of this period of time non-collected papers will be destroyed.**

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## **ARTICLE 7: THE WINNERS**

**The winners, 'runners up', 'honourable mentions' and finalists will be announced at the award ceremony that will take place in the first half of 2012.**

### **Prize monies and distribution**

- Prize monies will be shared equally between the winning student and his/her institution.
- If 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 PhD-candidates. 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 organiser reserves the right to curtail, extend, modify, postpone or cancel the contest. Its responsibility could not be engaged by doing so.

## **ARTICLE 9:**

By entering the competition participants accept its rules (deposited at the Centre des Professions Financières). Theses not conforming to the rules and conditions will be eliminated without prior consultation.

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