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EY CAFTA

Case Championship 2026

11th edition

Market masters: Winning with
commodities

Navigating the World of Basic Goods



The better the question. The better the answer. The better the world works.

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Shape the future
with confidence



Take your **problem-solving skills** beyond the classroom

Are you ready to embrace the challenge and drive real-world financial decisions?

Be part of the 11th CAFTA Case Championship – a high-impact experience for ambitious students ready to apply strategic thinking and financial skills to real-world challenges.

Navigate market volatility and turn commodity risk into opportunity. This case challenges participants to analyze price exposures, manage uncertainty and make strategic financial decisions that protect margins and drive competitive advantage.



Registration date

24 March 2026 - 8 May 2026



Mode

Online mode



Eligibility criteria:

Students across different colleges and courses can participate in this learning opportunity





What is EY CAFTA Case Championship?

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EY CAFTA Case Championship 2026 is a strategic learning initiative designed to provide students with access to differentiated, real-world approaches to finance and treasury decision-making.

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It is time to test your **problem-solving skills in the real world**. Can you work on these problem statements to deliver **original, creative and innovative solutions** to drive a business strategy?

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CAFTA Case Championship 2026 - 11th edition brings **real-world scenarios, high-priority problem statements** that expect the participants to analyze the case statement and come up with a comprehensive solution

Are you the one who can create innovative strategies and deliver effective solutions to drive business strategies?
If yes, put on a Consultant's hat and participate in the EY CAFTA Case Championship!

This competition will provide you with a valuable learning experience and a chance to network with professionals in the field.



Welcome to Market masters: Winning with commodities

Step into a strategic role and solve real commodity market challenges.

A commodity market is a place where raw materials and primary products—like oil, gold, wheat, and metals—are bought and sold. These basic goods are essential for everyday life and industries around the world. Commodity markets help businesses and investors manage the risks of changing prices by allowing them to trade these goods or contracts for future delivery.

Where price volatility, supply risk and global uncertainty converge – can you turn disruption into advantage? This stream tests your ability to manage commodity price risk, design effective sourcing and hedging strategies, and unlock value across the value chain – all while responding to shifting market dynamics and global events.

What you will learn:

- Managing commodity price volatility and risk
- Making strategic sourcing and hedging decisions
- Understanding the impact of global events on commodity markets
- Unlocking value across the commodity value chain

Why it matters

This stream helps you think like a seasoned commodities professional—making smart, strategic choices around risk, cost and value in complex, real-world business scenarios

The case study will encourage you to understand the **complex financial scenarios** in the industry space. All participants will receive learning material to understand the fundamentals of the commodity market





Why should I participate?

An opportunity to be mentored by EY professionals

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Connect with industry leaders and dive deep into finance and strategy to apply across industries

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Real-time experience of applying your skills in problem statements of the industries

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Your participation will help us in building a better working world

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Wear a Consultant's hat by working on case studies and winning a two-month live project with our Consulting team

Certificate of Participation and 20% scholarship for CAFTA course for all students completing the first round

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Add stars to your CV and credentials to build your career story

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Shape your future, solve real challenges and be the next treasury leader—your journey starts here!





Flow of the Case Championship

Exciting opportunity for you to showcase your problem-solving skills

- 1 Registration:** Register for the Case Championship on the EY CAFTA website. This edition permits registrations for individuals, as well as teams comprising two or three members only
- 2 Learning material access:** Once registered, you will get the learning material access. All the information will be shared on the registered email ID
- 3 After registration closes, the case study will be sent to the registered email addresses of all participants.** Participants have a 15-day window to analyze the case and submit their solutions
- 4 Quiz:** Every participant needs to appear for a short 30-minute quiz, and its result will also be considered while evaluating the final case solution. Any participant who does not take the quiz will be disqualified
- 5 Solution presentation:** Top 10 teams will get a chance to present their solutions to a panel of judges, after which the results will be declared
- 6 Judging criteria:** Judges will evaluate the case solution basis the following criteria – problem analysis, originality of the solution, creativity, feasibility and presentation quality
- 7 Awards:** Winning teams will receive a prize, a live project opportunity with EY, and a scholarship for our CAFTA e-learning program





Value propositions (1/2)

Learning and training

We believe that everyone should be given a **fair chance** to win the Case Championship

Do not have a background in these topics? Do not worry! We have you covered

CAFTA Case Championship gives you the **opportunity** to get trained in the relevant areas before you solve the case challenges

Live project with the consulting team at EY

Are you one of the **top teams**? We have something exciting for you

Experience the two-month-long live project—an ideal opportunity to interact with EY professionals and support them in their **ongoing consulting assignments**

We believe that learning without practical exposure is not enough





Value propositions (2/2)

Mentorship sessions

We are with you in **every step** of the way

Our consulting team will conduct virtual session to help you structure your response, build your presentation, and establish a research approach

It is a great way to **network and interact** with professionals and your peers!

CAFTA scholarship

Are you one of the top participants? We will be happy to share years of our experience with you!

Winners will get **100%** scholarship for our full CAFTA course

The second and third rankers will get **75%** scholarship

The fourth and fifth ranker will get **50%** scholarship

Sixth to tenth ranker from each stream will get **35%** scholarship

All students participating in Case Championship will get 20% scholarship on EY CAFTA Scholars Hybrid Program



Value propositions for the top teams in the finale round



A chance to showcase your ideas in front of EY professionals



● “Talent is not meant to be hidden. It deserves to be showcased and appreciated.”

Hemal Shah
Partner, Risk Consulting, EY



Framework of the **Championship**





Timeline

We train you on the concepts. You solve the problem!



Learning collaterals

eBook

Reading material

3 hours

Recorded video

on concepts and industry practices related to the stream of your choice





Prizes and takeaways

While one team earns the championship title, every participant is a winner – gaining valuable skills, exposure and recognition.

Each participating team

Access to high-quality learning materials curated by EY professionals

Mentorship from industry professionals

Certificate of participation and 20% scholarship on EY CAFTA Hybrid E-learning Program

Top ten teams

Up to 75% scholarship on EY CAFTA Hybrid E-learning Program

Second to fifth teams will get an opportunity to work on a live project with EY Consulting Team for one month and upon its completion, they will be conferred with a certificate

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Champions

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Two-month internship with EY FRSM team

100% scholarship on EY CAFTA Hybrid E-learning Program





Protocols for participants

General

- Fair play is expected from all participants throughout the duration of the competition
- Any violation of the rules may result in disqualification. Any decision of disqualification is final
- All materials produced during the championship, including the participant presentations, photos and videos, are the rightful property of CAFTA.
- Teams can submit only one solution
- Participants must adhere to the deadlines. No extension will be given
- Submissions, once given, are final. No modifications are allowed post-submission
- Participants are allowed to use all resources available to them for research and development of their case solution

Registration and eligibility

- Both undergraduate and postgraduate students can participate in the championship. Individuals pursuing executive degrees are not allowed to participate
- Each participant will be required to submit a college ID card to verify eligibility and identity

Round 1

- Each participant will have only one chance to take the quiz
- Standard decorum should be maintained while attempting the quiz. Any evidence of malpractice will lead to disqualification

Round 2

- All submissions are evaluated by the Case Selection Committee
- Only publicly available data should be used. Private datasets cannot be used to solve the case
- **Plagiarism** is strictly prohibited. All material submitted must be independently developed by the participant

**Note - Once registered, there is no cancellation policy to get your amount refunded. Please keep in mind that these rules are preliminary and are subject to change*





College alumni: A few names from our past Case Championships

Ashoka University	Banaras Hindu University	Delhi School of Economics	IIT Kharagpur	KIIT School of Management	IIFT
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Manipal University	Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce, Pune	IIT Jammu	Jain University	NIT Trichy	St Xavier College
Amity University	College of Engineering, Pune	IIT Kanpur	Jaipuria Institute of Management	NIT Tiruchirappalli	VIT Vellore
Atma Ram SanatanDharm College	Christ University	IIT, Delhi	Jamia Millia Islamia	NMIMS	XIMB
IIM, Indore	College of Vocational Studies	IIT, Bombay	Jaypee Institute of Information Technology	OP Jindal Global University	XLRI



Voices of success: Testimonials from past participants



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The modules are well designed, and it makes you interested to know more. Solving the case involved holistic research of the treasury market in detail, and it helped me learn how to structure my thought process. Also, the mentorship session was very helpful in this regard. Overall, it was a really great learning experience. Thank you for organizing this.



Vidhan Agrawal

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From developing innovative currency risk management strategies, implementing Python libraries for forecasting models, to analyzing the regulatory landscape of treasury management in India, this experience has undoubtedly enhanced our knowledge and prepared us for future success in the world of finance. The modules provided by the team provided us with all the preliminary knowledge required for the contest.



Yash Pratap Singh

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It was a great experience participating in Case Championship. We thank EY CAFTA team for organizing the championship and providing us with the opportunity.



Somya Maheshwari

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Challenges problem-solving skills and ignites thinking—simple yet effective.



Sanjeeta Mohankud



Evaluation criteria

You will be evaluated basis:

- Performance in Round 1 and Round 2
- Case solution evaluation:

- Clarity of concepts and thoughts
- Content and writing style
- Depth of research
- Practical applicability and relevance of the solution
- Presentation

- On PowerPoint
- Through video submission

Mode of interaction

Mode of interaction

Email correspondence

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INR4,500 (Team of three)

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