



## 2022 Community Bank Case Study Competition

### Overview & Student FAQ

The Community Bank Case Study competition is an academic competition where undergraduate student teams partner with local community banks to conduct original case studies. For the 2022 competition, student teams will be asked to look back over the last ten years to identify the most significant developments for the community bank and look forward to predict the most significant changes to expect in the next 10 years.

The competition is facilitated by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, the nationwide organization of banking regulators from all 50 states and the U.S. territories. The goal of the competition is to build a further understanding of the community banking business model and the role community banks play in local communities, to connect students with bank executives, and to highlight the ways community banks impact local economic development. The competition will provide an opportunity for students to sharpen their quantitative and qualitative analysis skills. Students on the first place team will:

- Receive a \$1,000 scholarship per student and faculty advisor;
- Be invited to present their research in front of regulators, academics and industry stakeholders the CSBS-Federal Reserve Community Banking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Research and Policy Conference; and
- Be published in the CSBS Journal of Community Bank Case Studies.

Second and third place teams will also receive scholarships, and have their works published in the journal. Works of student team finalists will be considered for publication.

*For questions or comments contact [khoyle@csbs.org](mailto:khoyle@csbs.org) or call 202-808-3556.*

### Competition Timeline

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- **September 20, 2021** – The Case Study topic is released to the public, and the application portal can be found here: [www.csbs.org/bankcasestudy](http://www.csbs.org/bankcasestudy)
- **January 10, 2022** – To participate, faculty advisors must submit a Statement of Interest on the CSBS Community Bank Case Study Website by this date. Faculty advisors are **not** expected to have a full student team or community bank partner when the Statement of Interest is submitted. Teams without a Statement of Interest by this date will not be considered.
- **February 21, 2022** – Deadline for students to register and for community bank partnerships to be secured.
- **May 16, 2022** – Final papers and videos are due by 12:00 noon ET.

**Learn more about the Community Bank Case Study Competition at <http://www.csbs.org/bankcasestudy/>**



## Frequently Asked Questions:

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### Am I Eligible to Participate?

To be eligible to participate in the Community Bank Case Study Competition, you must:

- Currently be enrolled in a university or college as an undergraduate during the full case study competition timeframe (September – May);
- Be able to provide proof of college or university registration; and
- Be a part of a team consisting of 3-5 students with a school faculty member sponsor.

### How do I join a team?

In some cases, professors may already have students in mind that they think would make great team members for the competition. In this case, the professor will approach you. In other cases, it may be necessary for you to approach a professor to inform him/her about the competition, ask the professor to sponsor a team, and work with the professor to find other team members.

Professors must express their interest in participating in the competition by submitting a Statement of Interest on or before January 10, 2022. Student teams and community bank partnerships must be finalized by February 21, 2022.

### How do I register?

- **Your team's faculty advisor must submit a Statement of Interest** on behalf of the student team at <http://www.csbs.org/bankcasestudy>. You must have a faculty advisor to participate.
- After your advisor has submitted a Statement of Interest, the next step is to register as a student. The link for student registration will be active on the Community Bank Case Study website on January 10, 2022.

### What are the responsibilities of the team?

- Your team will be expected to submit a case study research paper no more than 25 pages in length and an optional video that is no more than 5 minutes.
- Your team should look to your faculty advisor to help establish a relationship with a local community bank for your project. If your team needs assistance with this, please contact Katie Hoyle ([khoyle@csbs.org](mailto:khoyle@csbs.org)).
- Your team is responsible for engaging the community bank, gathering data, and producing an original research paper and video.
- Your team is permitted to delineate responsibilities among team members as you see fit.



## What is the focus of the Case Study?

Under the direction of a school professor, the student team will be asked to look back over the last ten years to identify the most significant developments for the community bank and look forward to predict the most significant changes to expect in the next 10 years.

## What is the competition timeline?

Competition deadlines and timeline is below.

- **September 20, 2021** - Applications become available for academics to submit Statements of Interest at [www.csbs.org/bankcasestudy](http://www.csbs.org/bankcasestudy).
- **September 2021 – January 2022** – Email notifications of acceptance sent to faculty.
- **January 10, 2022** - Competition closes for submission of Statements of Interest.
- **January 10, 2022** – Student registration opens.
- **September 2021 – February 2022** – Faculty sponsors should begin forming student teams and seeking community bank partnerships.
- **February 21, 2022** – Student team members and community bank partnerships must be finalized to continue in the competition.
- **September 2021 – May 2022** – The case study work period.
- **May 23, 2022** - Student teams must submit final papers and videos by Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12 noon ET.
- **May 23 – June 17, 2022** – Judges will meet to evaluate and score case studies.
- **July 14, 2022** – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams will be announced.
- **September/October 2022 (TBD)** – Winning team attends 2022 CSBS – Federal Reserve Community Banking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Research and Policy Conference.

With questions, please contact [khoyle@csbs.org](mailto:khoyle@csbs.org), and a staff member will assist.