



CSEF-DiSES Junior Fellows Program

Call for Applications

Academic Year 2025-26

The Department of Economics and Statistics at the University of Naples Federico II (DiSES) as part of the "Departments of Excellence", and in collaboration with the Center for Studies in Economics and Finance (CSEF), announces up to **6 scholarships for participation in the Junior Fellow program for the academic year 2025-2026**, as established by the Departmental Board, meeting n. 4 held on Aprile 8th 2025.

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 **didattica.dises@unina.it** by May 19, 2025. The application (**Annex 1**) must include **in single a pdf file**:

- 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 examination committee will be composed of three members from the Department of Economics and Statistics.

The committee will evaluate each application, assigning up to 100 points: up to 50 points for qualifications and up to 50 points for the interview. Only candidates who score at least 25 points in the qualifications assessment will be invited for the interview, which will take place in the first half of June 2025.

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 Junior Fellow is matched with up to two CSEF researchers based on the research interests expressed in their statement of purpose and interview. The mentors will provide guidance throughout the year. While the mentor will not necessarily be the thesis advisor, they can offer a well-informed recommendation letter for Ph.D. applications (or research institutions).

3. Research Assistantship:

During the first summer of the initiative (June–August 2025), Junior Fellows will work as research assistants under the supervision of their mentor.

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 has their own desk in room B1, which is shared among all Junior Fellows to encourage collaboration. Additionally, from the attainment of their degree (Laurea Magistrale) onwards, they will have access to the parking facilities at 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/>

Obligations of the Winners

In order to receive the scholarship, the following documents must be sent via email to the Uff. Contabilità e Bilancio (luigia.amatucci@unina.it; daniela.dena@unina.it; vincenzo.marinelli@unina.it) and to the Uff. Didattica (didattica.dises@unina.it) of the Department:

- Certificate of commencement of activities signed by the Scientific Coordinator of the project (**Annex 2**)
- Personal Data Form (EU), downloadable at the following link: <https://www.dises.unina.it/modulistica>

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