

Call for Applications

Student Co-operative Case Study Competition

CASC Meetings, Ryerson University, Toronto, 30 May 2017

The Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan, and the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC) are sponsoring a student case study competition on 30 May 2017 as part of the CASC meetings held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 30 May – 2 June 2017.



The case used in this competition will focus on a governance or policy issue relevant to co-operatives. The competition is designed to test students' ability to apply concepts from the classroom to real world issues and will allow them to showcase their problem-solving capabilities using the case-study method. Examples of possible topics include:

- analysis of credit union mergers and their impact on governance structures
- management decision making in co-operatives
- strategy and co-operative identity in competitive markets

Requirements

1. Open to graduate students and students in the final year of their undergraduate program. Students from US and Canadian universities are encouraged to apply.
2. Applicants must write a 200-word submission discussing *the relevance of the co-operative model in modern society*. The submission must include the applicant's name, and the name of the applicant's university, program, and year of study. Graduate students must include their proposed thesis title and supervisor. Preference will be given to graduate students, but exceptional senior undergraduates will also be considered. **The application deadline is 30 March 2017.**

3. In addition to participating in the case competition, successful applicants are expected to attend the CASC conference.
4. Successful applicants must be able to travel to Canada for the competition.
5. **Successful applicants must make all of their own visa and travel arrangements.**
Selected applicants will receive \$CAD900 to support their participation in the competition.

Case Competition Process

Up to ten students will be selected. Students will receive the case to review two weeks before the competition. Upon arrival, the students will be assigned to a team of three or four to analyze the case. Experts from the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives will support the teams through the analysis process.

Case Presentation

Each team will present its case analysis at the CASC opening plenary session using a modified Three Minute Thesis format. A panel of judges chosen from among participating researchers and practitioners will determine the winning team.

Please forward this call for applications to others within your university whom you think would have students interested in the case study competition.

Applicants should send their submissions to:

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