

# CFA INSTITUTE RESEARCH CHALLENGE

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## Top Universities to Compete in the Local CFA Institute Research Challenge Hosted by CFA Society South Africa

*Students from top universities compete for a chance to advance to the next level of the world's leading investment research competition*

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CFA Society South Africa announced today that the following universities will compete in the local round of the 2019 CFA Institute Research Challenge, taking place at JSE, Sandton on 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 as the first step in this prestigious global competition:

**Nelson Mandela University**  
**Rusangu University (Zambia)**  
**Stellenbosch University**  
**University of Cape Town**  
**University of the Free State**  
**University of Fort Hare**  
**University of Johannesburg**  
**University of KwaZulu Natal**  
**University of Limpopo**  
**University of Namibia**  
**University of Pretoria**  
**University of South Africa**  
**University of the Witwatersrand**  
**University of Zululand**

Each university team consisting of three to five students, will present their analysis and buy/sell/hold recommendations on **GROWTHPOINT** to a panel of distinguished judges from the investment community. Their presentation is the culmination of months of research, interviews with company management, competitors, and clients, as well as presentation training, under the supervision of their faculty advisor and a dedicated industry mentor.

Last year, the initial round of the CFA Institute Research Challenge was hosted by CFA Society South Africa.



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## About the CFA Institute Research Challenge

The CFA Institute Research Challenge gathers students, investment industry professionals, publicly traded companies, and corporate sponsors together locally, regionally, and globally for an annual competition. In order to promote best practices in equity research and company analysis, students research, analyze, and report on a company as if they are practicing analysts. Local CFA member societies and other affiliated groups host local level competitions of the Research Challenge in conjunction with the participating universities. The universities assemble teams of three to five business and finance students who work directly with a company in researching and preparing a company analysis. The team's final presentations are locally evaluated by high-profile panels of heads of research, portfolio managers, and chief investment officers from the world's top firms. The local champions advance to regional competitions for the Americas, Asia Pacific, and Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) and then to the Global Final, which will be held in New York City on April 25th. Additional information on the Research Challenge is available on the CFA Institute website, [www.cfainstitute.org/researchchallenge](http://www.cfainstitute.org/researchchallenge).

## About CFA Society South Africa

CFA Society South Africa promotes ethical and professional standards within the investment industry, encourages professional development through the CFA Programme, and facilitates the open exchange of information and opinions.

Administered by CFA Institute, the Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) Programme is a graduate-level, self-study curriculum and examination programme for investment specialists

## About CFA Institute

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