

Inaugural Miami University Investment Banking Case Competition
Finance Advisory Board
Finance Department at the Farmer School of Business

About the Competition

We are pleased to announce the first annual case competition in investment banking. This competition is intended to showcase students who have an interest in a career in investment banking, private equity, commercial banking, corporate finance, venture capital, and consulting. This competition is an excellent opportunity to develop and highlight your skills in many areas of business along with your presentation skills.

There will be a preliminary round of case competition and a final round. The preliminary round will be and will be judged based on a written proposal. Based on the quality of the first round, the best teams will be invited to the second and final round. This will be an oral case presentation of the case to experienced professions in investment banking and private equity.

Teams

This case competition is open to **all undergraduate students at Miami University** regardless of your major or home college. You need only to be currently registered as a undergraduate student at the Oxford campus. Each team should have a maximum of **four members**, but teams of three will be allowed. Ideally, each team should have a diverse mix of majors. No team that has fewer than **three students** will be allowed to compete in the competition.

Prizes

A cash prize of \$500 will be awarded to the winning team. Also members of the highest ranked team will be given priority consideration in the *Mergers and Acquisitions* course offered this spring. Also this is great opportunity to impress potential employers in the field of investment banking.

Time Line

October 1, 2008 5 PM. This is the final day to sign up your team for the competition. Contact information for all team members along with a designated team captain is due in the Finance department office in 120 Upham Hall by 5 PM.

October 2, 2008 at 5 PM. Case materials will be made available on participant only web site. You may use any sources available to you.

October 10, 2008 at noon. A summary of your conclusions and supporting analysis is due in the Finance office in 120 Upham no later than 12 NOON. Late submissions are disqualified.

The finished product should be similar to professional business presentations. The report is limited to a maximum of twenty pages including all supporting tables, spreadsheets, and critical assumptions. All material submitted should be in black and white. A suggested format will be provided. Six (6) copies of the report should be submitted.

A team of judges in investment banking, private equity, and corporate finance and well as selected faculty will review your finished product. Three or four teams will be selected as finalists and invited to present the case analysis in a second round on October 23, 2008.

October 20, 2008 The finalist teams will be announced. All participating teams will receive summary feedback from the judges. Finalist will be invited to the second round.

October 23, 2008 3:00-5:30 PM Each of the finals teams will be expected to make a 25 minute presentation of their analysis followed with a 15 minute question and answer session with the judges.

October 23, 6:00 to 7:30 PM A reception and dinner will be held for the competing teams and judges. The winners will be announced at the dinner.