Distressed Credit Pitch Competition

April 16–17, 2026 • Charlottesville, Virginia

Overview

UVA CRX hosts a two-round distressed credit pitch competition featuring a memo-based preliminary round and an in-person final presentation to industry judges.

Structure

UVA CRX is hosting a distressed credit pitch competition in the spring of 2026. The competition will consist of two rounds: a preliminary memo and a final-round presentation. After completing the interest form, participating teams must submit a three-page memo outlining their credit and investment thesis. Five finalists will then be chosen to continue diligencing their credit and ultimately present to a panel of judges on April 17.

Finalists must submit materials one week before the presentation. Prizes will be distributed to the top three finalists, as determined by the judges.

Team Requirements

- Teams must contain four undergraduate students.
- Students of all grade levels are welcome to participate.
- Transportation and lodging for finalists will not be arranged by CRX.

Key Dates

December–February: Interest form distributed
February 15: Interest form deadline
March 1: Three-page memo and resume deadline
Mid-March: Finalists notified
April 10: 15-page deck and model deadline
April 16–17: Final-round presentations in Charlottesville, Virginia

Judges (Tentative)

- Steve Tesoriere — PM, Oaktree Value Opportunities
- Jamie Baird — Partner, PJT Restructuring and Special Situations
- Lauren Bilzin — Partner, Paul Weiss Restructuring, Hybrid Capital & Special Situations
- Kevin Mahony — Senior MD, Centerbridge

Finalist Itinerary

April 16	• 7:00–9:00pm: Cocktail hour
April 17	• 9:00–10:00am: Breakfast • 10:30–11:00am: Opening reception • 11:00am–12:30pm: Presentations slot #1 • 12:30–1:30pm: Lunch • 1:30–2:30pm: Presentations slot #2 • 3:00–4:00pm: Closing reception

Note: Schedule, judges, and times are tentative and subject to change.