

NYU Stern Center for Sustainable Business Private Markets Graduate Fellow Fall 2026

The NYU Stern Center for Sustainable Business (CSB) seeks a Graduate Fellow to support the execution and coordination of its growing Private Markets program, focused on advancing sustainability-linked financial value creation across private equity and institutional investors.

The role is primarily focused on **program and project management (approximately 60–70%)**, supporting execution across major Private Markets initiatives including ROSI AI, industry and research collaborations, practitioner working groups, and the annual Private Equity Practicum. The Fellow will also dedicate approximately **30–40% of the role to research and analysis** supporting CSB's Private Markets research agenda.

This is a hands-on role for someone who is highly organized, comfortable managing multiple workstreams, and interested in private markets. The Fellow will work closely with CSB leadership and will have exposure to private equity firms, institutional investors, portfolio companies, researchers, and industry organizations.

Specific Roles and Responsibilities

1. Program & Project Management — approximately 60–70%

Support the day-to-day management and execution of CSB's Private Markets portfolio of initiatives.

Responsibilities will include:

- Maintain integrated project plans, milestones, deliverables, dependencies, and timelines across Private Markets initiatives
- Track actions and follow-ups across ROSI AI pilots, external collaborations, research projects, working groups, and the Private Equity Practicum
- Coordinate across CSB team members and external partners to help keep initiatives moving forward
- Prepare agendas, briefing materials, meeting notes, decisions, and action items
- Track external relationships, commitments, deliverables, and upcoming engagement points
- Support planning and execution of practitioner meetings, workshops, convenings, and events
- Maintain organized project documentation, shared materials, trackers, and knowledge repositories
- Identify risks, dependencies, resource constraints, and decisions requiring escalation

- Help translate discussions and strategic priorities into concrete workplans and next steps
- Support preparation of presentations and other materials for internal and external engagements

The objective is not simply to maintain trackers, but to help provide the structure and follow-through required to move multiple Private Markets initiatives from discussion through execution.

2. Private Markets Research & Analysis — approximately 30–40%

Contribute to CSB's Private Markets research agenda through qualitative and quantitative research, analysis, and synthesis.

Initial research areas are expected to include:

- **Private equity operating models:** Research how private equity firms organize responsibility for sustainability and value creation across investment teams, portfolio operations, sustainability functions, research teams, and other groups. The research will explore how different organizational models influence the identification, evaluation, and execution of sustainability-related financial value creation opportunities.
- **Sustainability and investment outcomes:** Explore whether and how sustainability-related investments and operating initiatives contribute to financial value realized at exit, including potential relationships with company performance, valuation, exit multiples, and other investment outcomes.

Responsibilities may include:

- Conduct academic, market, company, and practitioner research
- Collect and structure qualitative and quantitative information
- Develop comparative analyses across firms, portfolio companies, or transactions
- Support development and testing of research questions and hypotheses
- Assist with practitioner interviews and synthesis of findings
- Analyze relevant private-market and company data where available
- Translate findings into research papers, presentations, case studies, frameworks, and practitioner-oriented content

These are initial areas of focus and may evolve as findings emerge and CSB's Private Markets research agenda develops.

3. Analytical & Content Support

Across both project execution and research activities, the Fellow may also:

- Support analysis for ROSI AI pilots, case studies, and strategic collaborations

- Assist with development and refinement of private-markets tools, frameworks, and methodologies
- Support analysis connecting sustainability initiatives with operational and financial value drivers
- Develop materials for industry working groups, practitioner engagements, and CSB convenings
- Help turn individual engagements and research findings into reusable CSB knowledge and intellectual capital

Expected Outputs

Outputs will vary across the semester and may include:

- Integrated project plans and trackers across Private Markets initiatives
- Clear documentation of milestones, decisions, dependencies, and follow-ups
- Coordination and execution support for ROSI AI, external collaborations, and the Private Equity Practicum
- Research datasets and analyses related to private equity operating models and sustainability-linked investment outcomes
- Research briefs, presentations, case studies, or practitioner-oriented outputs
- Improved organization and accessibility of Private Markets research, project materials, and institutional knowledge

Qualifications

- Strong project-management and organizational skills, with demonstrated ability to manage multiple concurrent workstreams
- High level of reliability and attention to detail, including strong follow-through
- Ability to turn discussions and broad objectives into structured workplans and concrete next steps
- Strong analytical and research capabilities
- Strong proficiency in Microsoft Excel; comfort working with datasets and analytical models
- Ability to structure ambiguous problems and operate with increasing independence
- Interest in private equity, investment processes, financial analysis, and value creation
- Foundational understanding of sustainability concepts preferred
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to synthesize complex information into clear, concise outputs

Experience with project-management tools, financial databases, private-market research, data analysis, or qualitative research is a plus.

Evaluation & Working Structure

- Direct oversight from CSB Private Markets leadership
- Regular check-ins to review priorities, progress, research findings, and upcoming milestones
- Performance evaluated primarily on quality and reliability of execution, project-management effectiveness, analytical rigor, ability to operate independently, and contribution to Private Markets initiatives

Logistics

- Hybrid / remote as schedules allow
- Start: Fall 2026
- Commitment: approximately 10-15 hours per week
- Open to NYU Stern graduate students

In compliance with NYC's Pay Transparency Act, the hourly base salary range for graduate student employment positions is \$30 per hour. The hourly rate for graduate employees is based on the collective bargaining agreement with Local 2110.

Application Instructions

To apply, [please complete this application form](#) and submit a resume and cover letter by the stated application deadline.

Who We Are

The NYU Stern Center for Sustainable Business (CSB) is a trusted partner for future and current business leaders who want to drive change and redesign capitalism to sustain both business and society for generations to come. At a time when people and the planet need it most, the Center for Sustainable Business is proving the value of sustainability for business management and performance.