UnCredit Foundation launches the fifth edition of the Econ JM Best Paper Award for PhD candidates/graduates who will participate to the Economics Job Market in 2019.

Call for papers

The Econ JM Best Paper Award is aimed at all PhD candidates/graduates from the 14 European countries belonging to the geographical scope* of UnCredit.

The Award is given to outstanding PhD candidates/graduates who will participate to the Job Market at the American Economic Association Annual Meeting in 2019 and are enrolled at the following institutions: Barcelona GSE; Bocconi University; London School of Economics and Political Science; Mannheim University; Oxford University; SciencesPo; Stockholm School of Economics; Toulouse School of Economics.

Prizes will be awarded to 2 outstanding JM papers on topics related to general economic subjects. The 2 best papers will receive €2,000 gross each plus the reimbursement of any travel costs for their eventual presentation of their paper.

Conditions for Participation

1. Applicants must:
   • be citizens of any of the 14 countries’ where UnCredit is present
   • be PhD candidates/graduates at one of the above eight institutions

2. Applications must be accompanied by the following documents (in PDF format):
   • JM paper
   • Curriculum Vitae
   • a letter from the supervisor confirming that the PhD candidate will attend the Job Market at the American Economic Association Annual Meeting in 2019
   • copy of a current identity document (in the original language)
   • declaration of consent to handling of the candidate’s personal data pursuant to regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016

3. If the paper has been submitted for other prizes or grants, this circumstance shall be mentioned in the application

4. Applicants shall indicate whether – and if it is so, when and in what form – the submitted paper or parts thereof have already been published

5. Preference will be given to non co-authored papers

6. Papers as well as all the accompanying documents must be in English and in PDF format and must be submitted using the application online available on the Foundation’s website at www.unicreditfoundation.org

Applications Procedure and Deadline

Applications must be received by the compulsory deadline of October 15, 2018. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the competition. As soon as the procedure will be considered completed, the candidate will receive a confirmation message to her/his e-mail address confirming the full acceptance of her/his application.

Selection Process

After a pre-selection conducted by a commission composed of the foundation’s Foscolo and Modigliani fellows, the selection process will be finalized by an ad-hoc Commission composed of three members, two of them belonging to the institutions involved in this initiative and one member from the Foundation’s Scientific Committee.

The review process shall assess the quality and originality of the paper as well as its suitability for publication in international peer reviewed scientific journals.

The final decision shall be taken by the Board of Directors of the Foundation based on the Commission proposal. The decision of the Board of Directors of the Foundation shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.

Authors of awarded papers will be notified by November 15, 2018.

The winners will have the opportunity to present their paper at the Spanish Economic Association Job Market, to be held in Madrid on 13-15 December 2018. In case they accept to attend the meeting, their travel costs will be reimbursed by the Foundation.

UnCredit Foundation as well as UnCredit shall have the right to inform the public about awarded papers through press releases or other channels of communication (e.g. the Foundation and the UnCredit websites).

By submitting their papers, applicants consent to the above terms and conditions. The granting of awards shall entail no further obligations for the Foundation and UnCredit.

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

Taking part in the competition entails unconditional acceptance of all the articles of this notice.

* UnCredit geographical scope: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey