Call for Papers – 6th SUERF/UniCredit Foundation Research Prize

Green finance

Deadline for Submissions 15 October 2018

Motivation

Green finance has become a much discussed topic over recent years. Important initiatives and reports have been put on the table. Central banks and financial firms have formed networks on green finance, think tanks have specialized on the subject, and events on the topic are numerous. But the markets are still in their infancy and volumes compared to overall financial markets are small. This call for papers offers young researchers to present their work on this relatively new and promising field of research.

Content of submissions

This call for papers invites original research – theoretical, empirical or policy-oriented – on aspects relevant for the above topic. Some examples of fields of research include:

- Development of markets for green finance – What volumes are needed? What drives supply and demand of green finance instruments?
- Impediments for green finance, and how to overcome them
- Pricing of green financial instruments, risks embedded in them
- Metrics to classify financial instruments as “green”
- Data gaps and requirements, use of big data and AI to generate new relevant data related to green finance
- Role of regulation for green finance
- Climate stress testing: methods, data, experience, results, implications for financial firms, markets, regulators and supervisors
- Role and activities of central banks with respect to green finance
- Effectiveness/efficiency of green finance to support decarbonisation, compared to other measures
- Evaluation of existing initiatives and reports towards greening the financial system
- Case and pilot studies of specific countries, central banks, financial firms

This list is non-exhaustive, other contributions fitting into the overall topic are welcome.

Formal Requirements and Procedure for Submissions

The SUERF/UniCredit Foundation Research Prize is open to authors and co-authors who are citizens or residents/students in the EEA, Switzerland, and other countries in which UniCredit is present (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Russia, Serbia, Turkey) and born after 30 September 1983. Prizes of EUR 2,500 gross will be awarded to up to two outstanding papers on topics related to this call for papers. The winning papers will be presented at a SUERF/UniCredit Foundation Workshop to be held at Vienna University of Economics and Business in December 2018 or January 2019 (date to be confirmed). Subject to agreement by the authors, SUERF and the UniCredit Foundation, the papers and/or policy-oriented shortened versions (e.g. SUERF Policy Note) may be published on the organisers’ respective websites.

Applications should be submitted through the online submission form on the UniCredit Foundation website at www.unicreditfoundation.org in PDF format by 15 October 2018, in English. Applications should be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae including the candidate’s date of birth and a copy of current identity documents that confirm the author’s/authors’ date of birth(s) and eligibility. The prize is open to papers that have been finalised within the last 12 months prior to the deadline for submissions. Full terms and conditions of entry can be downloaded from the SUERF and UniCredit Foundation websites.