

RULES & REGULATIONS

PRI-CBERN Conference Awards 2012

Article 1: Aim of the Awards

"PRI-CBERN Best Paper Award" grants:

- One award to the best paper presented at the PRI-CBERN Student Symposium
- One award to the best paper presented at the PRI-CBERN Academic Conference

Article 2: Eligibility of Research Projects

All conference paper and student symposium submissions to the PRI-Academic Conference are eligible to be considered for the award.

Article 3: Confidentiality

At the time of application, research projects will have to be completed and/or published or publishable. The jury will not be able to evaluate research works bound by permanent and strict confidentiality. The public nature of the research document is therefore essential for it to be allowed to compete for the PRI-CBERN Best Paper Award.

Temporary confidentiality measures will be taken throughout the evaluation and selection process up until the award ceremony. During this period, the research projects will not be shared with anyone outside the selection committee and jury members. Those on the committee promise not to disclose any information until the award ceremony.

After publication of the results and the award ceremony, the confidentiality clause will be lifted.

The candidates who apply to the PRI-CBERN Best Paper Award must be willing to provide the **summaries** of their competing research projects on a free and non-exclusive basis (see Article 5 below). This is mainly to allow them to be included in a database set up by the PRI, and to allow a possible publication of the above-mentioned summaries, free of charge, and in any format that the award organisation team deems appropriate.

Article 4: Application Procedure

Candidates must complete an application online at <http://www.fir-pri-awards2012.org>.

Any questions can be sent at contact@fir-pri-awards2012.org

Research projects that have already been submitted for the same award in 2010 may not be submitted again.

Only complete applications will be considered.

Applications are open from January 17, 2012 and may be postmarked or received by email no later than April 22, 2012.

Article 5: Application File

By April 22, 2012 (Deadline for shortlisting)

- Application form on the website <http://www.fir-pri-awards2012.org>
- Candidate's contact information.
- Research summary which includes a **summary** of the research, it's relevance to the research themes of the Academic Conference, description of research methods and

findings, expected contribution to theory and practice. If you are making a joint application with the FIR Awards, you may submit **a summary of the research project**. However, you should also add an additional paragraph about the suitability of your project for the PRI-Academic Conference.

By August 10, 2012 (Deadline for final jury)

- Deadline for submission of final paper for consideration by the jury.

Article 6: Allowances

The award winners will be rewarded by allowances made possible by CBERN.

"PRI-CBERN Best Paper Award"

- The Best Paper Award for the PRI-CBERN Student Symposium is valued at \$1,500 CAN
- The Best Paper Award for the PRI-CBERN Academic Conference is valued at \$3,500 CAN

Article 7: Selection Committee and Jury

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A selection committee composed of academics and investment professionals with relevant research expertise will be in charge of the short-listing and judging process.

The jury will be composed of theory specialists (university or graduate school teachers, etc.) and experts (business partners) in the field of Finance and Sustainability. A member of the selection committee and the jury may not apply (or co-apply) to any of the awards or grants. Special attention will be paid to the diversity of the jury to make sure it includes a wide range of knowledge and expertise.

The selection committee and the jury have agreed not to disclose any information regarding the research projects that have been submitted until the awards ceremony.

The selection committee and the jury members have been granted full decision power in the winners' selection. Their decisions cannot be opposed. Neither will they need to be justified.

Article 8: Research Selection Criteria

The selection committee and jury members will pay special attention to the following items:

- Quality of research work and contribution to the topic of finance and sustainability
- Originality of subject study or approach
- Academic evaluation of research work
- Research work interest according to investors', corporates' and/or stakeholders' point of view

Article 9: Research Work Restitution

Research projects and additional documents submitted to the PRI as part of an award application cannot be mailed back to the candidates. The PRI will keep a copy of all the research projects for their archives.

Article 10: Agreement to Rules and Regulations

The submission of an application for the PRI-CBERN Best Paper Award implies that the applicants fully agree with the hereby rules & regulations.

Article 11: Access to Rules & Regulations

Rules & regulations of the award can be viewed on the French SIF web site at the following address: <http://www.fir-pri-awards2012.org>.

Article 12: Circumstances Outside One's Control and Cancellation

Under circumstances outside of one's control, the award organisers reserve the right to cancel or postpone the award ceremony.

Article 13: Right of Publicity

The events surrounding the PRI-CBERN Best Paper Award will be advertised on paper (digital format included), as well as via visual and audio media.

Any of the participants, candidates, organisers, selection committee and jury members, and sponsors may see their name quoted in relation to the award, or their image broadcasted as part of live broadcastings taking place during events surrounding the award.

Participation in, as well as assistance with, the award implies full acceptance of the hereby rules & regulations, including the right to use the quoted names and the broadcasted images to advertise events surrounding PRI-CBERN Best Paper Award.

Article 14: Modifications to Rules & Regulations

The hereby rules and regulations may be modified or completed without prior notification by PRI. However, any potential modification of the hereby rules & regulations will be announced and uploaded on the Award web site (<http://www.fir-pri-awards2012.org>).