

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## FIR-PRI Finance and Sustainability European Research Award 2014 9<sup>th</sup> edition

The French Social Investment Forum (French SIF) and PRI are pleased to invite students and researchers to submit their work to the FIR-PRI "Finance and Sustainability" European Research Award 2014.

### Why this award?

In 2005, FIR Award was launched to foster academic research on subjects in Finance and Sustainability. By building bridges between the academic and finance communities and their stakeholders, FIR Award aimed to promote practically relevant academic research and encourages broader disciplinary development of responsible investment scholarship.

Starting in 2011, FIR partners with PRI to advance a joint programme to meet these goals. Aspects of this partnership are the development of an international resource database and coordination between the annual PRI Academic Conference and FIR Award Presentation. Eligible applicants are able to submit one application to be considered for the FIR Award Conference in Paris September 18, 2014.

### Who is the Award for? Which categories are rewarded?

The award accepts submissions from students or researchers who either:

- hold a European passport
- have an affiliation to a European university or graduate school
- are collaborating with a faculty member who is affiliated to a European research institution
- have Europe as a research field

Submissions may be accepted in French or English

Three awards valued at €5,000.00 each and one research grant valued at €10,000.00 will be rewarded.

- Awards
- Best Master's Thesis award: master's degree, graduate school of management, graduate school of engineering
  - Best PhD Thesis award
  - Best published Academic Article award
- Grant
- Only PhD research will be granted. Grant will reward works dealing with financial instruments (securitisation, project financing...), social issues (HR, human rights...) or marketing of SRI products.

Information on the Sustainalytics Prize for Excellence in RI Research 2014 during the PRI Academic Network Conference is available on PRI website [here](#).

### What are the selection criteria?

- 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

### How to apply?

- Research projects must cover at least one topic related to Finance and Sustainability
- Make sure that the summary reflects the quality of your work since they are essentially what the Committee uses to select nominees
- Students must have completed and presented their work before May 15, 2014
- Academic articles must have been published in an academic review with a proper reading committee
- For Master and PhD Thesis, a professor of your university or graduate school must back your application
- For research grant, your application must be backed and overseen by a professor of your university or graduate school

### Application process and Timeline

- Application deadline: **May 15, 2014**
- Selection Committee: June 3, 2014  
**The selection committee shortlists candidates based on the abstracts submitted.**
- Jury: June 24, 2014.  
The Jury reviews full submissions and selects a winner for each category covered by the Award.
- FIR-PRI Award Ceremony: September 18, 2014.

### Applicants must submit:

- Photocopy of ID, or a scanned ID
- Online Application form on the website [www.fir-pri-awards.org](http://www.fir-pri-awards.org)
- Candidate's contact information
- Reference letter from a University professor, with an electronic signature (except best published article)
- Copy of Master's Thesis, PhD thesis or published article (electronic document)
- **A summary** of the Master's thesis or PhD thesis or research projects including explanations as to how it contributes to the topic of Finance and Sustainability

The award is open to students having completed and presented their Master's thesis or PhD Thesis between January 1st, 2012 and May 15, 2014. Articles must have been published during the same period. The grants are available for all research projects sent in by May 15, 2014 regardless of whether the research has just begun or whether it is ongoing.

Grants candidates are eligible for both European (FIR-PRI) and Global (PRI) awards and must provide the following items:

- Summary of research topic
- The project's contribution to today's existing literature on this topic
- Expected methodology and data: interviews, data base, etc
- Work schedule
- Present financial support and goal of the FIR grant funds

**The quality and size of summaries are extremely important since they are essentially what the jury uses in order to preselect nominees (see rules and regulations)**

## Members of the Jury

President of Honor and President of the 1st Edition Jury: Yves Simon – Paris IX Dauphine

- President of the 9th Edition Jury: Bouchra M'Zali – Université du Québec à Montréal

Other Academic Members:

- Nihat Aktas – WHU Otto Beisheim Management School – 4th Edition Jury President
- Peter Clarkson – University of Queensland
- Patricia Crifo – Université Paris Ouest & Ecole Polytechnique – 7th Edition Jury President
- Stéphanie Giamporcaro – University of Capetown
- Jim Hawley – Saint Mary's College of California
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- Sébastien Pouget – Toulouse School of Economics - 8th Edition Jury President

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