

Press Release

7th Finance and Sustainability
European Research Award

Call for papers

London & Paris, January 17, 2012 – Submission for the 7th Finance and Sustainability European Research Award is open. Candidates (students and researchers) can apply online: www.fir-pri-awards2012.org

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 both the FIR Award and the PRI Academic Conference in Toronto October 1-3, 2012.

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Target. 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

Timeline. Submission deadline is April 22 2012. The Jury will meet end of May for preselection and end of June for its final choice. The Award ceremony will take place in Paris on September 26.

Categories & Rewards. Three awards valued at €5,000.00: Best Master's Thesis award, Best PhD Thesis award, Best published Academic Article and three research grants valued at €3,000.00.

Academic Jury members

President: Patricia Crifo, Polytechnique and Paris West University

Nihat Aktas, Skema Business School
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About FIR: French Social Investment Forum (FIR) is a multi-stakeholder association (Asset owners, asset managers, rating agencies, brokers, associations...) established in 2001. Its main objective is to promote SRI (Socially Responsible Investment) and its best practices. FIR is coordinating the French SRI Week (www.semaine-isr.fr) and CorDial (Corporate Dialogue) an engagement platform with French listed companies. FIR is also a founding member of Eurosif.
Website: www.frenchsif.org

About PRI: Developed by the investment community in a UN-convened process, they reflect the view that environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) issues can affect the performance of investment portfolios and therefore should be given appropriate consideration by investors. The Principles provide a voluntary framework by which all investors can incorporate ESG issues into their decision-making and ownership practices and so better align their objectives with those of society at large. The PRI Initiative was established in 2006 after the launch of the Principles to help investors to implement the Principles. Managed by the PRI Secretariat, the Initiative promotes responsible investment and supports investors by sharing best practice and facilitating collaboration. The Initiative is incorporated as a registered charity based in the United Kingdom.
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