

CALL FOR PAPERS

FIR-PRI Awards “Finance & Sustainability”

European Academic Research

20th edition - 2025

The French Sustainable Investment Forum (French SIF) and PRI are pleased to invite students, professors and researchers to submit their work to the 2025 FIR-PRI Awards “Finance & Sustainability” European Academic Research.

Thank you for reading the **Rules & Regulations** document.

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 program 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.

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

Four awards valued at €5,000 each and one research grant valued at €10,000.00 will be rewarded.

- AWARDS**
- Best Master Thesis award: master’s degree, graduate school of management, graduate school of engineering
 - Best PhD Thesis award
 - Best Published Article award
 - Best Pedagogical Initiative award

- GRANT**
- Only PhD research will be granted. Grant will reward ongoing works dealing with financial instruments (securitization, project financing...), social issues (HR, human rights...), environmental issues or marketing of SRI products.

What are the selection criteria?

- Quality of research
- Originality of research
- Impact of research (for practitioners, from a managerial point of view, etc.)
- Contribution to the topic of sustainable finance (academic, scientific interest, etc.)

How to apply?

- All information is available in the **Rules & Regulations** document
- 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 what the Jury reads during the first round to select nominees for the second and final round
- Students must have completed and presented their work **before April 13th, 2025**
- Academic articles must have been published in an academic review with a proper reading committee
- For Master and PhD Thesis, a professor at your university or graduate school must back your application
- Pedagogical Initiatives must have been first implemented, integrated, used in an academic program during the specified period.
- For research grant, your application must be backed and overseen by a professor at your university or graduate school

Application process and Timeline

- Application deadline: **April 13th, 2025**
- Selection Committee: May 2025
The selection committee shortlists candidates based on the summaries (Master and PhD categories) and papers submitted.
- Final Jury: June 2025
The Jury reviews full submissions and selects a winner for each category covered by the Award
- FIR-PRI Awards Ceremony: September/October 2025.

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT:

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

Please note that this summary is very important as only the summary is sent to the Jury for the first round. The jury will only receive the full papers of shortlisted applications.

- **Find all details and information in the Rules & Regulations document**

The award is open to students having completed and presented their Master thesis or PhD Thesis **between**

January 1st, 2024 and April 13th, 2025. Articles must have been published during the same period. Pedagogical Initiatives must have been first implemented, integrated, used in an academic program **between January 1st, 2022 and April 13th, 2025.** The grants are available for all research projects **sent in by April 13th, 2025** regardless of whether the research has just begun or whether it is ongoing.

GRANTS CANDIDATES MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Photocopy of ID, or a scanned ID,
- Letter of the Research Director backing and supervising the research,
- Candidate's contact information.
- **Application form on the website:** <https://www.fir-pri-awards.org/>
- **Grant form available on the application form page.**
- **A summary of the research project** including explanations as to how it contributes to “social issues” or “financial instruments” or “SRI products marketing” in the area of Finance and Sustainability;

The quality and size of summaries are extremely important since they are what the jury reads during the first round to select nominees for the second and final round. Please find the size recommendations for the summaries in the Rules & Regulations document.

Members of the Jury

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

- 20th Edition Jury Chairman: Jean-Pascal Gond, Bayes Business School

Other Academic Members (the list can evolve during the edition):

- Diane-Laure Arjaliès – Ivey Business School
- Catherine Casamatta – Toulouse School of Economics
- Peter Clarkson – University of Queensland
- Stéphanie Giamporcaro – Kedge Business School
- Marek Hudon – Université Libre de Bruxelles
- Céline Louche – Waikato University
- Sylvain Marsat – Université Clermont Auvergne
- Nicolas Mottis – École Polytechnique
- Bouchra M'Zali - Université du Québec à Montréal
- Christophe Revelli – Kedge Business School
- Olivier David Zerbib – CREST, ENSAE

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