

Young economists' competition 2019

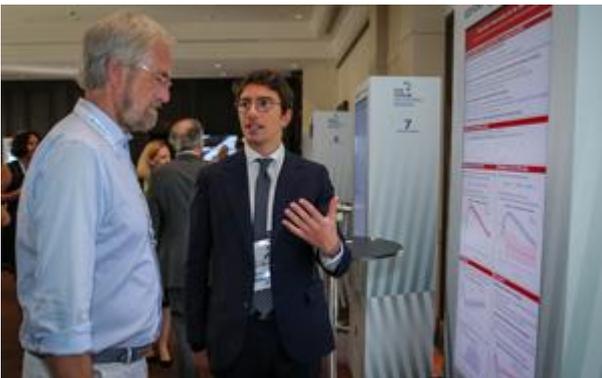


The finalists from the 2018 young economists' competition with ECB President Mario Draghi

Every year we invite young economists to enter our research competition – finalists are invited to the annual ECB Forum on Central Banking, and the **overall winner is awarded €10,000.**

Young economists can play an important role in shaping the future of Europe and this competition gives them the chance to share their fresh perspectives on the challenges of today.

Are you a PhD student in economics or finance?



If so, apply now! If selected as one of this year's finalists, you will have the unique opportunity to travel to the ECB Forum on Central Banking which takes place from 17-19 June in Sintra, Portugal.

Over the three days, you will present a poster, detailing your research, to senior policymakers and top academics from around the world. The winner will be announced by ECB President Mario Draghi during the conference.

"There is still a lot to learn beyond my poster and there will be a big step between academic economics, academic thinking, and real life policies that are way more complicated than solving a model."

Mishel Ghassibe, one of the winners of the 2018 young economists' competition

What is the theme of this year's competition?

This year's conference focuses on **20 years of European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)**, and PhD students are invited to submit papers on the future of EMU. We would greatly appreciate receiving papers addressing:

- economic **growth** within EMU in the context of **globalisation** and **digitalisation**
- the impact of **demographic changes and migration** on economic growth within EMU
- macroeconomic **convergence** within EMU
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Papers on other topics relevant for central banking (including sustainable finance, financial stability, banking regulation and supervision, and how climate change could impact central bank decision-making) will also be considered.

Who can participate?

We invite students of all nationalities – who are currently enrolled in PhD programmes in economics or finance – to participate in the call for papers. We particularly welcome applications from female candidates.

If you are currently working or collaborating with the ECB or a national central bank of the European System of Central Banks, you are not eligible to participate

How will the finalists be selected?

We will assess the papers against the following two criteria:

1. innovative thinking and scientific merit
2. European policy relevance

If you are a successful candidate you will be notified around the end of April 2019 and will receive further information about the ECB Forum in Sintra thereafter. The ECB will cover the selected finalists' travel and accommodation expenses incurred as a result of attending the ECB Forum.

How can students apply?

If you are interested, please submit your application [online](#) and upload the following documents:

- curriculum vitae
- research paper including a short abstract
- letter of recommendation from your main tutor

Please submit your application by **11 March 2019**. Please ensure that you answer all the questions that appear on the registration form. It is also important that you provide all of the documents mentioned above for your entry to be considered valid.

To apply:

<https://2019.ecbforum.eu/event/ar/1/ecb-forum-2019-ye>