

Young Talent Competition Award

As part of Lear Competition Festival, Lear has instituted a Young Talent Competition Award (YTCA) for young economists and lawyers in the field of antitrust and regulation.

The YTCA will award the best proposal for research in the antitrust or regulation field. The winner will be awarded a prize of EUR 2,000. The winner, together with the economists/lawyers ranked as second and third, will present their proposal at the Lear Competition Festival. The selection will be undertaken by a committee of four outstanding academics and practitioners: Michele Carpagnano, Joseph Harrington, William Kovacic and Tommaso Valletti.

Below you find the rules to participate and further details on the award.

Participants

1. Participation to the YTCA is open to post-graduate students and PhD students who wish to pursue a professional career in the field of competition law and economics, policy assessment and regulation. Both economists and lawyers can participate.
2. Participation is subjected to prior registration at the Lear Competition Festival.

The research proposal

3. The research proposal can deal with any topic related to (i) competition law, (ii) competition economics, (iii) policy assessment, (iv) regulation (in any sector). Topics can be theoretical or empirical.
4. The proposal should discuss why the topic is relevant for the antitrust and regulation community and should clearly set out the methodology that will be adopted to conduct the research.
5. Currently, highly debated topics will be considered a plus. In case of empirical research, the preliminary definition of the sources of data and its costs will be considered a plus.
6. The research proposal should include no more than 12,000 characters (5 Word pages).
7. Participants should indicate the following in the cover of the proposal:
 - name and surname;
 - whether he/she is an economist or lawyer;
 - Master's degree/PhD degree. In case the participant is completing the master/PhD, he/she should specify it;
 - current employment (if any);
 - contact details (phone number and email address).
8. The research proposal may have multiple authors. If such proposal is declared the winner, the prize will be split among the authors evenly. At least one of the authors must fulfill the eligibility requirements as per point 1.

Submitting the proposal

9. The research proposal should be submitted in PDF and sent via email at award@learcompetitionfestival.com;
10. The research proposal should be submitted no later than May 15, 2021. Submissions received after this date will not be considered.
11. Lear is not responsible for any technical errors that may interfere with or delay a submission.

Selection of the best proposal

12. The research proposal will be evaluated by a scientific committee composed of four outstanding academics and practitioners: Michele Carpagnano, Joseph Harrington, William Kovacic and Tommaso Valletti.
13. The Scientific Committee will prepare a ranking of the three best proposals.
14. The authors of the three best proposals will be notified at the latest on June 1, 2021. The announcement of the winner will take place during the Lear Competition Festival.
15. The selection criteria will be (i) novelty of the topic, (ii) relevance to the antitrust/regulation community, (iii) clarity of the approach set out to conduct the research.
16. Lear reserves the right to cancel, modify, or terminate the competition for any reason. Lear also reserves the right not to select a winning proposal.

Award

17. The economist or lawyer submitting the best research proposal will be awarded a EUR 2,000 cash prize.
18. The amount will be paid within 30 days starting from June 30, 2021. Lear will get in contact with the winner for the relevant details to arrange the payment.
19. If a potential winner fails to respond to the Lear's efforts to contact them within 30 days, they will be considered to have forfeited any right to be declared as a winner or receive a prize and another winner may be declared.

Presentation of the proposals

20. The winner, together with the economists/lawyers ranked as second and third, will be invited to present their proposal during the Lear Competition Festival.
21. Each presenter will have a slot of 15 minutes.