

About IREA...

The Research Institute of Applied Economics (IREA) was founded in 2005. It is part of the Barcelona Science Park and employs up to 60 researchers. The IREA carries out scholarly, scientific research in specific areas of Applied Economics.

To achieve its aims, the IREA is active in the following areas:

- Serving as a hub for reception and as a reference center for researchers and institutions in economics all over the world.
- Training new doctors to perform in-depth research in close cooperation with their tutors.
- Carrying out research of excellence, leading to the publication of scientific articles and books of recognized international prestige.
- Carrying out directly applicable research, developing statistical analyses and providing economic policy guidance for both public and private entities through cooperation agreements.

The IREA has three research groups: AQR-IREA, GiM-IREA and RISC-IREA. The three are recognized as **consolidated research groups** by the Generalitat, the Catalan government, **the maximum distinction in their area**.

1. **Regional Quantitative Analysis Research Group (AQR)**, Department of Econometrics, Statistics and Spanish Economy.
2. **Government and Market Research Group (GiM)**, Department of Economic Policy.
3. **Risk in Finance and Insurance Research Group (RISC)**, Department of Econometrics, Statistics and the Spanish Economy.

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1st IREA AWARD 2010

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IREA announces the 1st IREA Award -Barcelona Economics.

The prize is intended to recognize and encourage graduate study in Applied Economics, to help promote excellence in graduate research and to introduce and promote the works of the young doctors, collaborating to the diffusion of the social and academic prestige of the doctor.

1. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must have completed their PhD thesis in the last two academic years (2008-2009 and 2009-2010) and must have received the highest possible grade (*cum laude*)

2. Application

Applicants should send the following documentation by email to the IREA at the following address: irea@ub.edu:

- Their completed application form
- A copy of their PhD thesis
- An executive summary of the thesis, emphasizing its contribution to the advancement of scientific knowledge. The summary should provide a synopsis of the applicant's work and must not exceed 1,000 words.
- An up-to-date CV (maximum 3 pages)

By applying for the award, candidates automatically accept its terms and conditions.

The application form may be accessed at www.ub.edu/irea/premi.htm

3. Award Committee

The theses will be judged on their contribution to the advancement of research-based knowledge in the field of Applied Economics.

The winner will be declared by the awards committee after due deliberation.

The committee will be composed of three members, which will be announced at IREA's web page.

The Scientific Secretary of the IREA will act as Secretary of the Committee.

4. Topics

Only submissions dealing with topics in the area of Applied Economics will be accepted. Special emphasis is placed on:

- a. Quantitative analysis of regional and urban economic activity and analysis of regional and local policies.
- b. Analysis of public economic activity in the market, with special attention to empirical evaluation of privatization, competence and regulation of public services markets using applied techniques in industrial economy.
- c. Analysis of risk in insurance and finance.
- d. Development of micro- and macro-econometric techniques for the analysis of economic activity, with special attention to the quantitative evaluation of public policies.

5. Deadline

The deadline for applications is Monday, November 15, 2010.

6. Resolution

The judgment of the committee will be announced prior to the IREA's annual meeting, which will take place in late January, 2011- early February, 2011.

The prize winner is expected to attend the seminar and will be requested to make a brief presentation of his/her work. S/he will be notified of the award well in advance of the event.

7. Award

The successful candidate will be notified by letter from the Director of the Research Institute and his/ name will be announced at the IREA's annual meeting.

The prize winner will receive the sum of 3,000€, subject to the current fiscal regulations.

The name of the prize winner will also be announced in the Research Institute Newsletter, the annual report, and on the web page.

8. Further details

All publications deriving from the thesis must acknowledge the IREA for its support.

The winner may publish a WP deriving from the thesis in the IREA Working Paper series.