

About IREA...

The Research Institute of Applied Economics (IREA) was founded in 2005. It is part of the Barcelona Science Park as the official Research Institute in Applied Economics at the University of Barcelona and employs up to 60 researchers. IREA has the aim of approaching the topics of interest in Applied Economics with scientific and technical rigor.

The strategic working lines for the achievement of this aim being the following ones:

- Being a hub for reception and a reference Economics center for researchers and institutions all over the world interested in further study related with the topics in which we are undertaking our research.
- Training new doctors who can go deep into the present topics of study and collaborate with their tutors.
- Making research of high international quality, materialized in the publication of scientific articles and books of recognized international prestige.
- Making a directly applicable research developing statistical analyses and supplying clues for economic policy both to public and private entities, through collaboration agreements.

The IREA Institute consists of three research groups, that is, AQR-IREA, GiM-IREA and RISC-IREA. The three of them are recognized as **consolidated research groups** by the Generalitat of Catalonia, **which is 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 (RISK)**, Department of Econometrics, Statistics and 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

Nominees must have completed their Thesis in the last two academic years (2008-2009 and 2009-2010) with a maximum qualification from board (*cum laude*)

2. Application

The candidates interested in applying to the award should write an email (irea@ub.edu) including the following documentation:

- The application form filled in
- A copy of the Thesis
- An executive summary of the Thesis emphasizing the contribution to the progress of scientific knowledge. The summary should provide a synopsis of your work and may not exceed 1.000 words.
- An up-to-date CV of the candidate (up to 3 pages in length)

The fact of requesting the participation in the award implies the acceptance of the bases.

You will find the application form on the web (www.ub.edu/irea/premi.htm).

3. Award Committee

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

The winner will be declared after deliberation by the jury.

The committee in charge of conceding the Prize will be composed of three members, which will be announced at IREA's web page.

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

4. Topics

The topics are those dealing with Applied Economics, with special emphasis on:

- a. Quantitative analysis of regional and urban economic activity and analysis of regional and local policies.
- b. Analysis of government intervention in the market, with special attention to empirical evaluation of privatization, competition and regulation of public services markets, using applied techniques and policy analysis.
- 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

Applications should be presented by Thursday, September 30, 2010.

6. Resolution

The judgment of the committee will be made after IREA's annual meeting, which will take place at the end of January, 2011-beginning of February, 2011.

The recipient is expected to attend the seminar and will be requested to make a brief presentation of her work. She will be notified given sufficient time in advance of the event.

7. Award

Successful candidates will be notified through a letter from the Director of the Research Institute and will be honored at the IREA's annual meeting.

The prize is endowed with 3.000€. This amount is subject to the current fiscal regulations.

The recipient shall also be acknowledged in the Research Institute Newsletter and the annual report as well as the web page.

8. Further details

The published articles from the Thesis, shall thank IREA for their diffusion.

The winner may publish a WP derivate from the Thesis in the IREA Working Paper series.