



UNCTAD-AIB Award for Research on Investment and Development

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 14 May 2021

Target

The UNCTAD Division of Investment and Enterprise (DIAE) and the Academy of International Business (AIB) have jointly established an award for the best young academic research work on international investment and development. The award is intended for PhD students or early career researchers with no more than five years of full-time work experience.

UNCTAD and AIB invite contributions that provide state-of-the-art knowledge and understanding of the activities conducted by, and the development impact of, multinational enterprises and other international investors, considering economic, institutional, social, environmental or cultural aspects. Contributions should draw clear policy conclusions from the research findings.

Reflecting the core value propositions of UNCTAD's research mandate, the winning papers should meet the following criteria:

- 1) Original and innovative research;
- 2) Topical issues with a discussion of policy implications;
- 3) Focus on development (i.e. how to ensure that international investment and multinational enterprises contribute to sustainable development).

The paper must not have been previously published. Co-authorship is permitted provided all authors meet the stated conditions.

Submissions must include:

- (a) Paper not exceeding 12,000 words (inclusive of appendices, references, and all material); and must follow the *Transnational Corporations guidelines*;
- (b) Author(s)'s CV and;
- (c) Abstract (not longer than 300 words).

Submissions must be sent to **unctad@aib.world** by May 14, 2021.

The submitted papers will be evaluated by a Review Panel including UNCTAD DIAE experts and leaders, and eminent external scholars, including members of AIB.

The Award, which is granted on an annual basis, will be presented during an official ceremony (final date to be confirmed) that will take place during the AIB 2021 Annual Conference (online) which is scheduled from 28 June – 2 July 2021. Finalists will present their work in a Special Session at the AIB Conference, and the winner will be announced during the Awards Ceremony. Finalists must agree to register and attend the Awards Ceremony.

Award Package

- A certificate will be presented to the winner at the AIB conference in July 2021.
 - Invitation to apply for a three-month consultancy contract at UNCTAD's Division of Investment and Enterprise for work during a term that is mutually agreed between UNCTAD and the Award winner (in the case of a co-authored paper, the authors will determine who will benefit from the consultancy package). The contract will be issued in line with United Nations rules and regulations.
 - Invitation to publish the winning paper in the peer reviewed UNCTAD journal Transnational Corporations, subject to the standard procedures of the Journal.
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