

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: 1 MARCH 2024

UNCTAD-AIB AWARD FOR RESEARCH ON INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT



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 papers must not have been previously published. Co-authorship is permitted provided **all authors** meet the stated target group and criteria.

Submissions must include the following:

- a. Paper not exceeding 12,000 words (inclusive of appendices, references and all material); and must follow the Transnational Corporations guidelines)
- b. Abstract (not longer than 300 words)
- c. Author(s)'s CV
- d. A statement confirming that all authors of the paper are PhD students or early career researchers with no more than five years of full-time work experience

Submissions must be sent to:

unctad@aib.world

by 1 March 2024

The submitted papers will be evaluated by a Review Panel including DIAE leaders and experts, as well as 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 2024 Annual Conference, which is scheduled for 2–6 July 2024 in Seoul, the Republic of Korea. 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 for and attend the Awards Ceremony.

Award Package

- A certificate will be presented to the winner at the AIB conference in July 2024.
- 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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Past Winners

2023

Winner Pascal Simon Mayer,
University of Muenster;
Christopher Sabel,
Erasmus University of Rotterdam

Paper *Policy Support Schemes and MNE
Investment Location Choice*

2022

Winner Zarlisht Muhammad Razeq,
Warwick Business School

Paper *Deep Trade Integration and
North-South Participation
in Global Value Chains*

2021

Winner Baptiste Souillard,
Compass Lexecon

Paper *The Indirect Effect of Import
Competition on Corporate
Tax Avoidance*

2020

Winner Yamlaksira Getachew,
Babson College

Paper *Contract Enforcement Institutions
and MNE Integration Strategies:
Implications for Exit from the
Least-Developed Countries*