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Franz Weninger Award

Research award for outstanding master's or doctoral theses in the field of monetary theory and policy.

The Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) invites applications for the Franz Weninger Award established to recognize outstanding master's or doctoral thesis research in the field of monetary theory and/or monetary policy. The OeNB will select up to three works for the award, which is a one-time payment of EUR 3,000 for each work.

Conditions of participation

1. To be eligible for the award, submitted works must have been **approved at an Austrian university or technical college (Fachhochschule) between September 1, 2015, and August 31, 2016, for a master's or doctoral degree** in the field of **monetary theory and/or monetary policy**.
2. Authors must be under **35 years of age at the date of submission**. Current or former OeNB staff members are not eligible for the award. In case of coauthored work, each of the coauthors has to fulfill all conditions of participation.
3. Submitted works must have been drafted **in German or English**.
4. The deadline for the receipt of applications is **September 2, 2016**. Applications can be submitted by e-mail or in hard copy and should be addressed to Ms. Sayeh Atai (sayeh.atai@oenb.at), Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Otto-Wagner-Platz 3, 1090 Vienna. To mark their work as a submission, applicants shall indicate "Franz Weninger Award" in the reference line and on the envelope. **Proof of date of birth and approval of the thesis** must be attached; authors shall also include a brief **CV**. Submissions for the award will be treated confidentially.
If a submitted work has already won an award or if it has been submitted for other awards, this shall be mentioned in the application. Moreover, applicants are required to disclose whether, when and where the work or parts thereof have been published.
5. Submitted works will be reviewed by a panel of four reviewers, who shall be OeNB staff members with expertise in the subject area of the submitted thesis. The award will be conferred on recommendation of the panel by the OeNB's Governing Board.
6. Should the panel come to the conclusion that none, or only one or two of the submitted works qualify for the award, it may suggest to the OeNB's Governing Board that no award be conferred, or that only one or two awards be conferred.
7. The panel will determine the award winners by simple majority. In case of a draw, the chairperson has a casting vote. The decision of the OeNB's Governing Board based on the panel's proposal shall be final and, like the panel's decision, shall not be subject to appeal. The applicants shall not have any legal recourse.

8. The OeNB is entitled, but by no means obligated, to publish the award-winning papers in full or in part without obligation to make any additional payments. The OeNB reserves the right to invite award winners to present their papers; the award winners shall agree to give such a presentation without remuneration. The OeNB shall have the right to publish press releases in connection with the presentation of the award, or have said presentation publicized by third parties.
9. By submitting their work, applicants consent to the above terms and conditions. The granting of awards shall not entail any further obligations for the OeNB.