



BEST PAPER AWARD ON GENDER ECONOMICS

COMPETITION FOR 2 BEST PAPERS

16th Edition – year 2026

UniCredit Foundation launches the sixteenth edition of the **Best Paper Award on Gender Economics** in Europe.

Call for papers

The Best Paper Award on Gender Economics is aimed at all **researchers from the European countries** belonging to the geographical scope* of UniCredit.

Prizes will be awarded **to 2 outstanding papers** on topics related to **Gender Economics. One of the two prizes will be preferable awarded to a paper focused on Education topics.**

The 2 best papers will receive **€ 2,500 gross each**.

Conditions for Participation

1. Applicants must:

- be either citizens of one of the countries* where UniCredit is present or currently employed or enrolled in a Ph.D. program at a university or institution located in any of the countries within the geographical area of UniCredit
- be born after 1990 (the age limit may be extended by (i) one year per child for female applicants, (ii) the documented duration of parental leave taken for each child, for male applicants).

2. The submitted papers shall be of outstanding scientific quality

3. Applicants may submit more than one paper and co-authored papers are accepted. In this case, all the co-authors must be born after 1990

4. Applications **must be accompanied by the following documents** (in PDF format):

- Curriculum Vitae
- a copy of a current identity document (in the original language)
- a declaration of consent to handling of the candidate's personal, pursuant to regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016

5. If the paper has been submitted for other prizes or grants, this circumstance shall be mentioned in the application

6. Applicants shall indicate whether – and if it is so, when and in what form – the submitted paper or parts thereof have already been published

7. Papers published prior to 2025 will not be accepted

8. Papers as well as all the accompanying documents must be **written in English** and must be **submitted in a unique file (PDF format)** using the **application online** available on the Foundation's website at <https://www.unicreditfoundation.org/en>

Applications Procedure and Deadline

Applications must be received **by the compulsory deadline of May 15, 2026**. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the competition. As soon as the procedure will be considered completed, the candidate will receive a confirmation message to her/his e-mail address confirming the full acceptance of her/his application.

Submissions for the Best Paper Award on Gender Economics shall be treated confidentially.

Selection Process

The selection process will be conducted by an ad-hoc Commission composed of external experts/academic representatives and supervised by UniCredit **Foundation's Scientific Committee**. The Commission is composed of at least two members. Current members (in alphabetical order) are: prof. Manuel Bagues from Warwick University; prof. Matthias Doepke from Northwestern University; prof. Paola Profeta from Bocconi University.

The review process shall assess the quality and originality of the paper as well as its suitability for publication in the international economics literature. The Scientific Committee may invite candidates for an interview or seminar. The decision of the Scientific Committee shall be final and not be subject to appeal.

Authors of awarded papers will be notified by **June 30, 2026**. The winners might be asked to present their main findings at workshops/events/initiatives organized by UniCredit Foundation.

UniCredit Foundation as well as UniCredit shall have the right to inform the public about awarded papers through press releases or other channels of communication (e.g. UniCredit Foundation and the UniCredit Group websites).

By submitting their papers, applicants consent to the above terms and conditions. The granting of awards shall entail no further obligations for UniCredit Foundation and UniCredit Group.

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

Taking part in the competition entails unconditional acceptance of all the articles of this notice.

Milan, 16 December, 2025

(*) UniCredit geographical scope: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia