

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS 2009

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Since 2003, the Europlace Institute of Finance (EIF) fosters, at the French and European levels, existing and potential synergies between research/training groups in the economic and financial fields and professionals including financial intermediaries, investors and asset managers, issuers, market operators. EIF's founders are committed to providing long-term support for such efforts. In 2005, the EIF has been recognized as a public utility foundation.

In 2009 as in previous years, our foundation is issuing a call for research proposals. It is open to all scholars who work on financial problems, regardless of academic discipline.

EIF plans to fund ten research projects, each of which will receive €10,000.

Given the current circumstances, jury members have decided that a significant portion of the projects funded (at least 60%) should reflect the desire among EIF members to encourage research and in-depth academic studies on:

- Market regulation: institutional aspects; regulatory economics and law; the uses of self-regulation
- Market operations: sociology of financial markets (by complexity of instruments, by market organization, etc.); collective attitudes among participants and systemic risk; comparisons of various kinds of organization (over-the-counter markets, organized markets, etc.) and analysis in terms of efficiency, risks, etc.
- Investment: pensions and long-term management; savings behavior and behavioral finance; long-term and environmental finance

Multi-team projects, especially of truly European scope, are of particular interest.

The deadline for applications is June 15, 2009.

We sincerely hope that this program sparks your interest.

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Appendix

Sample breakdown of principal themes

Market regulation: beneficial changes

- perspectives for a return to normal market performance
- impact of crisis-recovery measures and strategies (currently as well as throughout history)
- bailouts for financial institutions (an insurance approach, government stakes, public-private partnerships, bad banks, etc.)
- role of institutions, especially central banks
- accounting standards, Solvency II, Basel II: eventual adjustments
- credible hedge-fund oversight

Improving market operation and clarifying the role of market participants

- identifying the specificities and advantages of the Paris financial market
- sovereign-wealth-fund strategies

Investment

- hindrances and stimulating factors in the development of micro-credit (including micro-insurance) in developed countries
- market for emission quotas; appropriate hedging instruments
- how to evaluate research and innovation (seed financing: needs and means)
- pension financing
- SME financing

Environmental finance

- financial means to develop environmental standards in emerging economies
- financing the transition to ecological practices
- long-term investment and cost-benefit analysis
- green capital investment (credibility and conditions for success, specific role of public authorities, etc.)

APPLICATION FORM

Identification of project

Project title:	Name and contact information of head scientist:
Topic:	Names and affiliations of researchers:
Name and contact information of research laboratory where the project will be conducted:	Name and contact information of the head of the legal entity that will receive the stipend:

Requesting entity

Financial information	Financial aspects of the project	Financing from the EIF	Other contributions
Salaries ¹			
Facilities			
General/misc. expenses			
Total			

¹ Research assistants, Ph.D. students...excluding regular employees



Project Description

Project Outline

Abstract

Methods

Bibliography

Budget

NB: Project description should not exceed three pages.