



## **Rules for Founders' Medals**

### **THE FOUNDERS' MEDALS**

The Founders' Medals were instituted to commemorate the work of Professor HES Freemantle, Professor RA Lehfeldt and Mr CW Pearsall, through whose efforts the Economic Society of South Africa was founded in 1925. The purpose of the awards is to encourage research in the field of economics in South Africa and to recognise economic research of outstanding quality conducted at a South African university. All areas of economics are eligible.

An adjudicator (or adjudicating panel) is appointed annually by the Council of the Society. The adjudicator's reports and recommendations are submitted to the Council, who awards the medals.

## **FOUNDERS' MEDAL FOR DOCTOR'S DEGREE THESIS**

A gold-plated medal is awarded annually to the winning candidate whose thesis is submitted for a doctor's degree at a South African university. The thesis should contribute significantly to and provide evidence of original economic research.

The thesis must be submitted by the university's department (or school) of economics or branch of economics, e.g. department of economic history, department of agricultural economics. Each department may make one submission annually. A submission fee is payable, determined annually by Council. The candidate's promoter should submit a formal recommendation why the thesis should be considered for the award. A copy of the final results as published by the university indicating that the candidate has successfully completed the requirements of the degree must be attached to the formal recommendation. The publication date of the results must fall in the competition period.

A thesis becomes eligible for submission from the date of the formal results of the university stating that the candidate has completed all the stipulated requirements of the degree, and remains eligible until the next closing date of the competition. The competition period is from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April year 1 up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March year 2. The closing date for the submission of the thesis is the first working day of April each year. For example, a department wishing to submit the thesis of a student who successfully completed the requirements of the degree on 30 June would submit the thesis by the first working day of April of the following year.

The medal cannot be awarded to the same person twice.

The thesis must be submitted electronically in PDF format.

If no thesis of sufficient merit is submitted, no award shall be made for that year.

If two or more theses of sufficient merit and equally deserving of an award are submitted in any one year, the Council may, at its discretion, make arrangements appropriate to the circumstances.

Winners of awards are strongly encouraged to publish their work in peer-reviewed journals.

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## FOUNDERS' MEDAL FOR MASTER'S DEGREE RESEARCH PAPER

A silver-plated medal is awarded annually to the winning candidate that has successfully completed the

- (1) required course work, or
- (2) dissertation

for a master's degree at a South Africa university.

For competition purposes the candidate must prepare a research paper of not more than 10 000 words based on either the research component of the course work or the dissertation. (A word count must be included on the title page of the research paper.) This research paper must be submitted by the university's department (or school) of economics or branch of economics, e.g. department of economic history, department of agricultural economics. Each department may make one submission annually. A submission fee is payable, determined annually by Council. The candidate's supervisor/promoter should submit a formal recommendation why the research paper should be considered for the award. A copy of the final results as published by the university indicating that the candidate has successfully completed the requirements of the degree must be attached to the formal recommendation. The publication date of the results must fall in the competition period.

A research paper becomes eligible for submission from the date of the formal results of the university stating that the candidate has completed all the stipulated requirements of the degree, and remains eligible until the next closing date of the competition. The competition period is from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April year 1 up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March year 2. The closing date for submission of research paper is the last working day of May each year. For example, a department wishing to submit the research paper of a student who successfully completed the requirements of the degree on 30 June would submit the research paper by the last working day of May of the following year. The two month difference between the end of the competition period and the submission date of the research paper is to allow the candidate time to prepare the research paper according to the prescribed format by the SAJE.

The medal cannot be awarded to the same person twice.

The research paper must be submitted electronically in PDF format.

If no research paper of sufficient merit is submitted, no award shall be made for that year.

If two or more research papers of sufficient merit and equally deserving of an award are submitted in any one year, the Council may, at its discretion, make arrangements appropriate to the circumstances.

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## **FOUNDERS' MEDAL FOR HONOURS DEGREE RESEARCH PAPER**

A bronze-plated medal is awarded annually to the winning candidate whose research paper is submitted for an honours degree at a South Africa university in partial fulfilment of the degree.

The research paper must be submitted by the university's department (or school) of economics or branch of economics, e.g. department of economic history, department of agricultural economics. Each department may make one submission annually. A submission fee is payable, determined annually by Council. The candidate's supervisor/promoter should submit a formal recommendation why the research paper should be considered for the award. A copy of the final results as published by the university indicating that the candidate has successfully completed the requirements of the degree must be attached to the formal recommendation. The publication date of the results must fall in the competition period.

The research paper should be not more than 8 000 words. (A word count must be included on the title page of the research paper.) It should testify to independent research although an original contribution to the subject is not a prerequisite. The research paper must be systematic and well presented. It may be analytical as well as descriptive in nature but should form a logical unit.

A research paper becomes eligible for submission from the date of the formal results of the university stating that the candidate has completed all the stipulated requirements of the degree, and remains eligible until the next closing date of the competition. The competition period is from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April year 1 up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March year 2. The closing date for submission of research paper is the last working day of May each year. For example, a department wishing to submit the research paper of a student who successfully completed the requirements of the degree on 30 June would submit the research paper by the last working day of May of the following year. The two month difference between the closing date of the competition and the submission date of the research paper is to allow the candidate time to prepare the research paper according to the format prescribed by the SAJE.

The medal cannot be awarded to the same person twice.

The research paper must be submitted electronically in PDF format.

If no research paper of sufficient merit is submitted, no award shall be made for that year.

If two or more research papers of sufficient merit and equally deserving of an award are submitted in any one year, the Council may, at its discretion, make arrangements appropriate to the circumstances.

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