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The Head / Postgraduate Course Co-ordinator (*please distribute to relevant colleagues*)  
Department / School of Economics or branch of economics, e.g. Department of Economic History,  
Department of Agricultural Economics  
Universities in South Africa

1. FOUNDERS' MEDAL FOR DOCTOR'S DEGREE THESIS
2. FOUNDERS' MEDAL FOR MASTER'S RESEARCH PAPER (**10 000 words excluding references; tables etc. A word count must be included on the title page.**)
3. FOUNDERS' MEDAL FOR HONOURS RESEARCH PAPER (**8 000 words excluding references; tables etc. A word count must be included on the title page.**)

The Council of the Economic Society of South Africa invites you to make submissions for the awards listed above on behalf of your department or school. The intention of the awards is to give recognition to economic research of outstanding merit. The winners will be decided at the ESSA Council meeting of September 2019. The results will be announced at the Biennial General Meeting in September 2019 and published on the webpage of the Society and the winners will be informed in writing.

Please note that the ESSA Council has updated the rules that govern the Founders' Medal awards a few years ago. The updated rules are attached for your convenience.

The candidate's promoter/supervisor should submit a formal recommendation why the thesis/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 – for 2019 the competition ends on Monday 1 April 2019.

A PhD 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 2018 up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2019. The closing date for the submission of the thesis is normally 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. **This years' submission date is Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.**

A masters/ honours 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 2018 up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2019. The closing date for submission of a 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 of the SAJE . **This years' submission date is Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2019.**

An **electronic copy (no hard copy required!)**, in PDF format, must be submitted to Titia Antonites via e-mail at [saje@up.ac.za](mailto:saje@up.ac.za), and must be accompanied by a letter (in PDF format) from the supervisor(s) motivating the submission and providing the supervisor's contact details. The motivating letter should clearly indicate in which category the submission is being entered. A formal letter (in PDF format) of the university must be attached stipulating that the candidate has successfully completed all the requirements of the degree.

**Please note submissions exceeding the word count will be rejected forfeiting entry fees paid.**

There is a submission fee for each entry, as follows:

**Submission fee per submission:**

Doctoral thesis:	R 1 000
Master research paper:	R 400
Honours research paper:	R 300

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With kind regards,



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