

## InSPiR2eS Global Pitching Research Competition 2025 (IGPRC2025) General Information & Timelines ... NITheCS Chapter

### Background

Following on from the great success of the first three editions of the InSPiR2eS Global Pitching Research Competition (IGPRC) ... [IGPRC2022](#), [IGPRC2023](#), [IGPRC2024](#) ... the fourth edition IGPRC2025 is now underway! In partnership with the NITheCS Quantitative Finance (NITheCS), and our **Platinum sponsors**: Corvinus University of Budapest, Elsevier and APAEA, we are very pleased to announce a NITheCS competition that feeds into IGPRC2025. **The information below is specifically directed to the NITheCS Chapter competition!**

### Core Task

The core task of this competition is to produce a written 1,000-word novel research pitch using the “pitching research” framework, PRF (see the skeleton PRF tool on the following page). For a detailed explanation of the PRF, see the latest version of the SSRN paper “[Pitching Research](#)” [Faff (2024)].

### Eligibility

- open to research-enabled and research-focused students from any discipline: currently active Higher Degree Research (HDR) students e.g., PhD, DBA, Masters.
- participants must have a university affiliation aligned with NITheCS.
- participants must register as [InSPiR2eS](#) members (free membership).

### Competition Prizes and Awards

The total prize pool for IGPRC2025 is approximately €10,000. For the NITheCS Chapter competition, the overall NITheCS winner receives €300; and subject to reaching a quality threshold, second receives €200, and third place receives €100. Additionally, the NITheCS winner will automatically advance to an all-Africa competition, in which a small select set of Africa-based Chapter winners will vie to be crowned the Continental winner (with a €1,000 prize). **AND then**, the all-Africa winner automatically advances to the grand-final phase of the IGPRC2025 ... and maybe win the major IGPRC prize!

### Important Dates & Timeline

- **February 2025:** web portal will open to receive “NITheCS-Chapter IGPRC2025” entries (<https://pitchmyresearch.com/main/competitions>)
- **28 July 2025:** final deadline for submission of NITheCS Chapter entries.
- **18 August 2025:** announcement of IGPRC2025 NITheCS Chapter finalists.
- **17 September 2025:** NITheCS -Chapter IGPRC2025 Final – online (details to come).
- **November 2025:** determination and announcement of IGPRC2025 grand finalists.
- **January 2026:** “gala” online Grand Final comprising at least 6 IGPRC2025 finalists drawn from all around the globe (the IGPRC2025 winner will be determined by the combined quality of written and oral pitch).

### Further Enquiries

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Faff's (2024) Pitching Research Framework Tool

<b>FOUR</b>	<b>Four Big Picture Anchors</b>
(A) Working Title	
(B) Basic Research Question	
(C) Key paper(s)	
(D) Motivation/Puzzle	
<b>THREE</b>	<b>Three essential Building Blocks</b>
(E) Idea?	
(F) Data?	
(G) Tools?	
<b>TWO</b>	<b>Two key questions</b>
(H) What's New?	
(I) So What?	
<b>ONE</b>	<b>One bottom line</b>
(J) Contribution?	
(K) Other Considerations	

Faff, R., (2024), "Pitching Research", available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2462059>.