



InSPiR2eS Global Pitching Research Competition 2026 (IGPRC2026) General Information & Timelines

Background

Following on from the great success of the first four editions of the InSPiR2eS Global Pitching Research Competition (IGPRC) ... [IGPRC2022](#), [IGPRC2023](#), [IGPRC2024](#), [IGPRC2025](#) ... the fifth edition IGPRC2026 is now underway! With generous support from our primary Platinum Sponsors: Corvinus University of Budapest, Elsevier, the *Pacific-Basin Finance Journal*, and the Asia-Pacific Applied Economics Association; we are very pleased to warmly invite all eligible novice researchers to participate.

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

- The competition is open to research-enabled students and ECRs from any discipline: (a) all currently active Higher Degree Research (HDR) students e.g., PhD, research Masters, 4th-year Honours students (thesis-based) & final-year research-enabled undergrads; (b) ECRs, within 5 years of PhD graduation.
- Participants must register as [InSPiR2eS](#) members (free membership).
- Research students must complete the free “[Pitching Research Matters](#)” [Micro-credential Course](#) (PRM MC) on or before the date of submitting their entry and before the closing date (see below).

Competition Prizes and Awards

The overall IGPRC2026 winner receives the equivalent of \$US3,000, second receives \$US2,000, and the remaining grand finalists share **up to** \$US5,000 between them. Further, all those making the semi-final and grand final rounds will receive an official certificate recognising their wonderful achievement.

Important Dates & Timeline

- **February 2026:** web portal will open to receive IGPRC2026 entries (<https://pitchmyresearch.com/main/competitions>).
- **30 August 2026:** final deadline for submission of IGPRC2026 entries.
- **September-October 2026:** Assessment of written entries to determine semi-finalists.
- **November 2026:** determination and announcement of grand finalists.
- **January 2027:** “gala” online Grand Final comprising at least 6 finalists drawn from all around the globe (the IGPRC2026 winner will be determined by the combined quality of written and oral pitch).

IGPRC Exemplars ... Learn from Past Winners!

Year	Winner	Written version link	Video link
2022	Vu Nguyen Manh Hoai (Vietnam)	https://bit.ly/4hzArI4	https://bit.ly/3Z9QxaT
2023	Josh Nguyen (Australia)	https://bit.ly/3w1ef0f	https://bit.ly/4blmKDC
2024	Eglė Butkevičiūtė (Lithuania)	https://bit.ly/3EytIj	https://bit.ly/3BQJZZ5
2025 (x2)	Magdalena Schoeneich (Poland)	https://bit.ly/3NDYfKB	https://bit.ly/4qQMD5w
2025 (x2)	Roberta Spangelytė (Lithuania)	https://bit.ly/4k9b3ob	https://bit.ly/3MLKRU9

Further Enquiries

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Faff's (2024) Pitching Research Framework Tool

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

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