



## InSPiR2eS Global Pitching Research Competition 2026 (IGPRC2026) General Information & Timelines ... **New Zealand Chapter**

### 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*, the Asia-Pacific Applied Economics Association, and the Institute of Finance Professionals New Zealand Inc (INFINZ); we are very pleased to announce a **NZ** Chapter competition that feeds into IGPRC2026. The information below is specifically relevant to this 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

- 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, 4<sup>th</sup>-year Honours students (thesis-based) & final-year research-enabled undergrads; (b) ECRs, within 5 years of PhD graduation.
- Participants must have a **New Zealand** university affiliation.
- Participants must register as [InSPiR2eS](#) members (free membership).

### 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. For the allied **NZ** Chapter competition, the overall **NZ** winner receives the equivalent of \$US300; and subject to reaching a quality threshold, second and third place share US\$200. Additionally, the **NZ** winner will automatically advance to Q1 semi-final round of IGPRC2026. Further, all those making the semi-final and grand final rounds will receive an official certificate recognising their wonderful achievement.

### Important Dates & Timeline

- **March 2026:** web portal will open to receive **NZ** Chapter IGPRC2026 entries (<https://pitchmyresearch.com/main/competitions>).
- **30 August 2026:** final deadline for submission of **NZ** IGPRC2026 entries.
- **September-October 2026:** Assessment of written entries to determine the **NZ** Chapter winners.
- **November 2026:** determination and announcement of overall IGPRC2026 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)	<a href="https://bit.ly/4hzArI4">https://bit.ly/4hzArI4</a>	<a href="https://bit.ly/3Z9QxaT">https://bit.ly/3Z9QxaT</a>
2023	Josh Nguyen (Australia)	<a href="https://bit.ly/3w1ef0f">https://bit.ly/3w1ef0f</a>	<a href="https://bit.ly/4blmKDC">https://bit.ly/4blmKDC</a>
2024	Eglė Butkevičiūtė (Lithuania)	<a href="https://bit.ly/3EytIj">https://bit.ly/3EytIj</a>	<a href="https://bit.ly/3BQJZ75">https://bit.ly/3BQJZ75</a>
2025 (x2)	Magdalena Schoeneich (Poland)	<a href="https://bit.ly/3NDYfKB">https://bit.ly/3NDYfKB</a>	<a href="https://bit.ly/4qQMD5w">https://bit.ly/4qQMD5w</a>
2025 (x2)	Roberta Spangelytė (Lithuania)	<a href="https://bit.ly/4k9b3ob">https://bit.ly/4k9b3ob</a>	<a href="https://bit.ly/3MLKRU9">https://bit.ly/3MLKRU9</a>

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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>.