



InSPiR2eS Global Pitching Research Competition 2026 (IGPRC2026) General Information & Timelines ... allied **Chapter competitions**

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 this 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, 4th-year Honours students (thesis-based) & final-year research-enabled undergrads; (b) ECRs, within 5 years of PhD graduation.
- Participants must have a university affiliation aligned to this Chapter.
- 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 Chapter competition, the “local” winner receives the equivalent of \$US300; and subject to reaching a quality threshold, second and third place share US\$200. Additionally, the **Chapter** 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 this Chapter IGPRC2026 entries (<https://pitchmyresearch.com/main/competitions>).
- **30 August 2026:** final deadline for submission of IGPRC2026 Chapter entries.
- **September-October 2026:** Assessment of written entries to determine the 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 |
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| 2022 | Vu Nguyen Manh Hoai (Vietnam) | https://bit.ly/4hzArI4 | https://bit.ly/3Z9QxaT |
| 2023 | Josh Nguyen (Australia) | https://bit.ly/3w1efOf | 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

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| 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>.