

The Association for Institutional Thought and The Association of Evolutionary Economics
16th Annual Student Scholars Award Competition



The Association for Institutional Thought (AFIT) is proud to announce its Sixteenth Annual AFIT-AFEE Student Scholars Award Competition. This competition seeks to encourage undergraduate and graduate students to pursue research topics in the field of Evolutionary-Institutional Economics, and related heterodox schools of thought such as Social and Solidarity Economics, Post-Colonial Studies, and other pluralist methodologies. As a professional association, AFIT is devoted to encouraging and fostering the development of institutional thought. Extensions and modifications of the foundational contributions of Thorstein Veblen, John Dewey, Clarence Ayers, John Commons, and Wesley Mitchell; of Karl Polanyi, Gunnar Myrdal, Hyman Minsky, and John Kenneth Galbraith; and of new Evolutionary-Institutional approaches that advance the fields of social sciences and humanities are welcome. Students doing research in this vein are encouraged to submit papers that carry on and further advance Evolutionary-Institutional Economics.

Awards will be given to the top six student papers drawn from the pool of submissions. The top three winners receive a \$300 prize. All winners are then expected to present their research findings during a special session at the 42nd Annual Meeting of AFIT as part of the 63rd annual conference of the Western Social Science Association (WSSA). This conference will be held virtually in April, 2021.

The winners will receive:

- \$300.00 prize (for the top three student papers only)
- One-year student membership in AFIT
- One-year student membership in AFEE, which includes 4 editions of the Journal of Economic Issues (JEI)
- Paid WSSA Conference Registration

In order to be awarded the prize, winning papers must be presented by the student at the special AFIT session. Acknowledgements will be offered at the AFIT Virtual Banquet at the WSSA meetings.

Application Procedures and Deadlines

To enter into this competition, the person submitting must be identifiable as having student status. Submitted papers should be 15 to 25 pages (4,000-7,000 words) in length, including references and appendices, and must include a title page with the title, author, educational affiliation, and email address.

Submission deadline has been extended to **January 29th, 2021**.

Required: submit papers electronically, preferably as a .pdf file, to afitcontest@gmail.com

While not required, we request that you also submit an abstract to WSSA. To do this follow the steps below.

Steps for submitting an abstract to WSSA.

- Click on [WSSA Virtual 2021 Conference - ConfTool Pro - Login](#). (This can be accessed by clicking register from the WSSA conference website).
- Create an account by typing in your e-mail and then clicking the [no, register now] option. Note: this is to register for the website, not to pay for conference. Payment for the conference will be covered for all six winners.
- Once you have entered your data click the blue link that says [submit and begin with the submission of a contribution] in the lower right-hand part of the screen.
- There may or may not be an intermediate at a page that says Overview. From here click on [submit new contribution] under Your submissions. If this is not on the screen proceed to the next bullet point.
- Scroll down and click on [Economics \(Association for Institutional Thought\)](#).
- Choose [SINGLE PAPER] (we will put you in one of two panels if chosen) and fill-in author information, title, abstract, keywords etc. Please say you are applying for the competition in the remarks section.

Winners of previous competitions can be found at the AFIT website.

<https://institutionalthought.org/?page=home>

If you have any other questions, please contact Nicola Matthews, the Student Paper Award Competition's coordinator, to the following email address:

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