



# **BANCO CENTRAL DO BRASIL**

## **RULES FOR THE CENTRAL BANK ECONOMICS AND FINANCE AWARD – 2015**

### **General Provisions**

**Art. 1** – The Banco Central do Brasil (BCB), with the support of the National Federation of Central Bank Employees’ Associations (FENASBAC), on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Banco Central do Brasil, establishes the Central Bank Economics and Finance Award – 2015, in accordance with BACEN Notice number 106, dated November 3, 2015. The Award will follow these rules as well as any applicable legislation.

**Art. 2** – The Award intends to stimulate the research in the fields of Economic Science and on themes related to the institutional mission of the Banco Central do Brasil: to ensure the stability of the currency’s purchasing power and a solid and efficient financial system.

**Art. 3** – The Central Bank Economics and Finance Award – 2015 will begin on November 3, 2015, and finish on August 1, 2016.

### **Awards**

**Art. 4** – The top three participants, as evaluated by the Examining Board defined by Art. 12 of these Rules will be awarded as follows:

- I. R\$ 20.000,00 (Twenty Thousand Brazilian Reais) for the 1st place;
- II. R\$ 10.000,00 (Ten Thousand Brazilian Reais) for the 2nd place;
- III. R\$ 5.000,00 (Five Thousand Brazilian Reais) for the 3rd place.

§ 1 The values awarded will be subject to taxes, in accordance with the legislation in force by the time of the award issuance.

§ 2 The top three participants will receive a certificate and their monographs will be published electronically.

§ 3 The Examining Board may grant up to two honorable mentions, with the respective certificates and electronic publication of the works.

### **Monograph Presentation**

**Art. 5** – The monographs must be previously unpublished works, in Portuguese or English, focus on the current scenario and conjuncture, applicable to the Brazilian case, and address the theme “Monetary Policy”.

§ 1 In order to be considered previously unpublished, the works must not have been published online or in print, in such means as websites, blogs, magazines, newspapers, books and periodicals.

§ 2 Works included in documents with limited circulation, such as notes and other texts for presentation in universities, financial institutions, public agencies, congresses, meetings and research centers, will also be considered unpublished.



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§ 3 Works that have already been awarded in similar contests are not allowed to participate.

**Art. 6** – Authors from any country with graduate or postgraduate degrees in academic formation may participate on the award. Monographs from authors in their senior undergraduate year will also be accepted.

§ 1 The monographs may be written by an individual or by a group. Each author or co-author may present only one monograph.

§ 2 In the case of a group work, a group member must be designated, at registration, to represent the group before the award organization regarding any legal issues that may arise.

**Art. 7** – The monographs must be presented following these specifications: Times New Roman, size 12, double space, left and top margins of 3 cm, right and bottom margins of 2 cm, paper size A4, with no more than 25 lines per page and up to 60 numbered pages, considering all the material of the work, including presentation, abstract, annexes and bibliographic references.

§ 1 The monographs must be elaborated with the use of a MS-Word (2010 version or later) compatible text editor. Graphs, tables and spreadsheets must be prepared in a MS-Excel (2010 version or later) compatible editor and inserted in the text document.

§ 2 The monographs must be presented in single PDF (Portable Document Format) file.

§ 3 The monographs must be presented without any acknowledgment, citation or any other information that may identify the author or co-authors, under penalty of disqualification.

§ 4 The monographs must include a page with an abstract of no more than 200 (two hundred) words, under which up to 5 (five) keywords about the work must be presented.

§ 5 The monographs' presentation must follow the rules of the Brazilian Association of Technical Norms (ABNT): NBR 10719 (Information and documentation – Technical and/or scientific report – Presentation), NBR 6023 (Information and documentation – References – Elaboration) and NBR 6028 (Information and documentation – Abstract – Elaboration).

### **Registration**

**Art. 8** – The participation of any members of the Examining Board, as well as their relatives up to the second degree, is forbidden.

**Art. 9** – The monographs and all documents mentioned in this section must be forwarded electronically, starting on March 15, 2016 ending on April 15, 2016, until 8pm, Brasilia Standard Time, to the following email address: [premio.bcb@bcb.gov.br](mailto:premio.bcb@bcb.gov.br).



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§ 1 The monographs must be accompanied by the registration form, filled, and the declaration defined at item III of §2 from this article, whose models will be available at the Banco Central do Brasil website ([www.bcb.gov.br/?BCBAWARD](http://www.bcb.gov.br/?BCBAWARD)).

§ 2 The monographs will be received exclusively through message sent by email and must include the following documents, in PDF format, annexed:

- I. Identification Documents (DocumentoIdentificação.PDF) – of the author or of all co-authors, as the case may be: photo ID issued by public agency which, by federal law, serves as identification;
- II. Registration Form (FichaInscrição.PDF) – registration form, duly filled and signed by the author or group representative;
- III. Declaration of Originality (Declaração.PDF) – declaration filled and signed by the author or group representative, informing that the monograph is so far unpublished and that it is not, in full or in part, plagiarism or self-plagiarism;
- IV. Proof of Education (ComprovanteEscolaridade.PDF) – of the author or of all co-authors, in case of a group work. Copy of the graduate or postgraduate diploma issued by institution of higher learning (college or university level) recognized by the Ministry of Education or an official declaration from a foreign academic institution or, when applicable, proof of enrollment in the senior year of an undergraduate course recognized by the Ministry of Education.

§ 3 It is indispensable that the author or group representative correctly informs all data requested in the registration process, necessary for identifying and locating the contestants.

§ 4 Questions about the registration process may be forwarded to this email address: [premio.bcb@bcb.gov.br](mailto:premio.bcb@bcb.gov.br).

**Art. 10** – The registrations that do not comply with these Rules, including on the integrity and readability of the documents mentioned in §2 of art.9, will be disqualified.

**Art. 11** – The act of registration implies the acceptance of all items of these Rules.

### Evaluation

**Art. 12** – The Examining Board will be composed by 7 (seven) professionals of notable knowledge in economics and finance, being 3 (three) of them appointed by the Banco Central do Brasil and 4 (four) of them appointed by FENASBAC. It will be presided by one of the BCB appointees.

Sole Paragraph – The names of the Examining Board members, with the nomination of its President, will be released when the results of the Award are published in the Official Federal Gazette (Diário Oficial da União).



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**Art. 13** – The Examining Board, which will establish the evaluation criteria and the procedures for analyzing the monographs, will be sovereign in its judgment.

§ 1 When evaluating the monographs, the members of the Examining Board will not be aware of the participants' identity.

§ 2 The member of the Examining Board who is able to recognize or to identify evidence leading to the recognition of the authorship of any work must declare himself unable to participate and withdraw from the evaluation of that work.

§ 3 The Examining Board will judge and reach a decision concerning the awarding of the competing monographs until July 15, 2016, being dissolved afterwards.

§ 4 The Examining Board may refrain from awarding any prizes if it concludes that there are not monographs of sufficient quality or compliant with the formal requisites or with the proposed theme.

### **Publication of Results**

**Art. 14** – The results of the Central Bank Economics and Finance Award – 2015 will be published in the Official Federal Gazette (Diário Oficial da União) and at the Banco Central do Brasil website ([www.bcb.gov.br](http://www.bcb.gov.br)) on August 1, 2016.

**Art. 15** – The award ceremony will occur during the “XI Seminar on Risk, Financial Stability and Banking of the Banco Central do Brasil”.

Sole Paragraph – Domestic plane tickets and daily stipends will be provided to the author(s) or group representative(s) of prizewinning works in order to facilitate their participation in the award ceremony, if they live outside the place where the aforementioned ceremony will take place.

### **Final Provisions**

**Art. 16** – Concerning the competing works and the participation of their authors or co-authors in the procedures or events mentioned in these Rules, the Banco Central do Brasil reserves the right to release, in full or in part, individually or collectively, as well as the right to make available for use by third-parties, at any time, without cost, through books, newspapers, magazines, television, radio, internet, video or any other audiovisual or digital means, including images, voices, and partial or full work content, as long as the authorship is mentioned.

§ 1 The authors of prizewinning monographs who decide to publish their work in other means must make reference to the Central Bank Economics and Finance Award.

§ 2 The works and registration documents will not be returned, regardless of winning any award or not.



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**Art. 17** – Any cases not addressed by these Rules will be settled by the President of the Examining Board.