

EIEF funds research projects in economics and finance to foster high-quality and policy-relevant research in Italy.

Project content and characteristics

Projects can be in any field of economics and finance, provided they are:

- highly **innovative** and able to advance the understanding of economic behavior, systems or policies;
- potentially able to yield at least one paper publishable in a top academic journal;
- carried out by an **individual researcher based in an Italian institution or a team of researchers** whose principal investigator satisfies the same criterion.

Preference is given to projects whose principal investigator is **under the age of 40**.

Project duration and funding

- The duration of each project is **1 year** from the official communication of the award;
- The funds for each project are **up to EUR 10,000 a year**; 50% of the grant is paid upon approval, 50% upon completion and presentation of the final project in a seminar at EIEF;
- Up to 50% of the funds can be used as direct compensation for the researchers.

Applications

Research proposal must be written in English. To apply fill in the [online form](#), and send it to grants@eief.it no later than **January 31st, 2014**. Each proposal must contain:

- clear motivation and description of the research question and strategy;
- timeline of the project;
- financial plan, clearly identifying the financial needs;
- allocation of tasks among the participants (if there is more than one);
- a brief CV of each participant to the project.

Selection

A committee appointed by EIEF will select up to **8 projects**. A project representative may be invited to present and discuss it at EIEF. The main criterion for selection is the quality of the project, together with an assessment of its feasibility by the proponent team.

Transparency

All proposals, committee decisions and outputs of the projects at the various stages will be made available on EIEF's web page.

Output

One of the researchers for each of the funded projects will give a seminar at EIEF presenting the output of the project.

Intellectual property rights will be transferred to EIEF upon acceptance of the grant.