

# Excellence Awards in Global Economic Affairs 2026

Economists until the age of 37 (born 1988 or later) or alternatively within 7 years after their PhD graduation are invited to apply for this award by submitting up to three published or unpublished papers in the field of global economic affairs, and specifically pertaining to the following areas:

- International Trade and Investment
- International Finance and Macroeconomics
- Geoeconomics
- Innovation and International Competition
- Migration
- International Development
- International Political Economy
- Climate Economics

Submission of a paper does not preclude publication in the standard outlets. Submitted papers may include coauthored papers. The aim of the Excellence Award is to build a community of the brightest young researchers related to global economic affairs.

Submitted papers will be evaluated by a jury. The top contestants will be granted the "Excellence Award in Global Economic Affairs" at a prize-giving ceremony in Berlin/Kiel and a Research Fellowship at the Kiel Institute, entitling them to a research visit to the Institute, all expenses paid. Research Fellows will receive research support, access to the Institute's Virtual Research Communities and the opportunity to participate in the Institute's research projects and events.

There are four named Research Fellowships for 2026: the "Otto Group Fellowship", the "Porsche Fellowship", the "Sauer Compressors Fellowship", and the "Theodor Wille and Heinrich-Diederichsen 'fair trade' Fellowship". Further information is provided on the [Excellence Award website](#). Staff members of the Kiel Institute and of the sponsoring organizations are not eligible for the fellowship.

Papers should be submitted as email attachment to [excellence-awards@kielinstitut.de](mailto:excellence-awards@kielinstitut.de) together with a CV that includes the date of Birth.

The submission deadline is **January 11, 2026**.

