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UNCTAD-AIB Award for Research on Investment and Development

Submission Deadline: 15 February 2020

Official award ceremony: AIB 2020 Annual Conference, Intercontinental Miami, Miami, USA, 2-6 July 2020

Target

The UNCTAD Division of Investment and Enterprise (DIAE) and the Academy of International Business (AIB) have jointly established an award for the best young academic research work on international investment and development. The award is intended for PhD students or early career researchers with no more than five years of full-time work experience.

UNCTAD and AIB invite contributions that provide state-of-the-art knowledge and understanding of the activities conducted by, and the development impact of, multinational enterprises and other international investors, considering economic, institutional, social, environmental or cultural aspects. Contributions should draw clear policy conclusions from the research findings.

Reflecting the core value propositions of UNCTAD's research mandate, the winning papers should meet the following criteria:

- 1) Original and innovative research;
- 2) Topical issues with a discussion of policy implications;
- 3) Focus on development (i.e. how to ensure that international investment and multinational enterprises contribute to sustainable development).

The paper must not have been previously published. Co-authorship is permitted provided all authors meet the stated conditions.

Submissions must include:

- (a) Paper not exceeding 12,000 words (inclusive of appendices, references, and all material); and must follow the *Transnational Corporations* [guidelines](#),

- (b) author(s)'s CV, and
- (c) abstract (not longer than 300 words).

Submissions must be sent to **unctad@aib.world** by 15 February 2020.

The submitted papers will be evaluated by a Review Panel including UNCTAD DIAE experts and leadership, and eminent external scholars, including members of AIB.

The Award will be made on an annual basis, and the first award will be presented at the AIB 2020 Conference in Miami, Florida in July 2020. Finalists will present their work in a Special Session at the AIB Conference, and the winner will be announced during the Awards Ceremony. Finalists must agree to register and be physically present at the AIB 2020 Conference.

Award Package

- A certificate will be presented to the winner at the AIB annual conference in July 2020.
- Invitation to apply for a three-month consultancy contract at UNCTAD's Division of Investment and Enterprise for work during a term that is mutually agreed between UNCTAD and the Award winner (in the case of a co-authored paper, the authors will determine who will benefit from the consultancy package). The contract will be issued in line with United Nations rules and regulations.
- Invitation to publish the winning paper in the peer reviewed UNCTAD journal Transnational Corporations, subject to the standard procedures of the Journal.

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