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Regulation of the call for proposals “Bachelor’s and Master’s theses on the South Tyrolean economy”

Article 1 Description and purpose

The **IER - Institute for Economic Research** of the Chamber of commerce of Bolzano/Bozen announces a call for proposals to offer grants for Bachelor’s or Master’s theses which deal with topics related to the South Tyrolean economy.

The call for proposals will be held in two editions per year: one in the **winter semester** and one in the **summer semester**. A maximum of three prizes of **1,500 euros per finale thesis** may be awarded per edition.

Article 2 Participation conditions

The call for proposals “Bachelor’s and Master’s theses on the South Tyrolean economy” is open to duly registered students who are attending a **university or university of applied sciences** in Italy or abroad. Employees of the Chamber of commerce of Bolzano/Bozen and their relatives (up to the 2nd degree) as well as theses realised in close cooperation with the IER are excluded from participation.

The following forms of final theses are admitted to the call for proposals: Bachelor’s theses, Master’s theses, diploma theses and final theses of one-year Master’s studies.
It is explicitly pointed out that the **thesis must not have been completed by the time the application form is submitted**.

Article 3 Application

The **student** applies for the call for proposals in agreement with the academic supervisor of the thesis.

To participate in the call for proposals, the following two documents must be sent to the e-mail address wifo@handelskammer.bz.it:

1. **Application form:**

The application form must be completed in all its parts. For this purpose, the student only uses the form provided at www.wifo.bz.it/thesis.

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The **exposé (research proposal)** must be written/copied into the specified text field on the application form and must not exceed the **maximum length of 3,500 characters (spaces included)**.

The following questions have to be answered in the exposé:

- a. What is the central research question?
- b. Why is this question relevant for the South Tyrolean economy?
- c. What is already known about this topic from the scientific literature?
- d. What methodology is used to answer the research question?
- e. At what stage is the thesis at the time of the application?

The application form may be signed by hand or digitally. If the student's or supervisor's signature is missing, the student will be excluded from the call for proposals.

2. Curriculum vitae:

To participate in the call for proposals, the student has to submit an up-to-date and clearly structured curriculum vitae. If the CV is missing, the student will be excluded from the call for proposals.

The documents may be submitted in **German, Italian or English**.

All documents must be sent in ".pdf" format to the e-mail address wifo@handelskammer.bz.it. The subject of the e-mail should include the student's name and "Call for proposals – Bachelor's and Master's theses on the South Tyrolean Economy".

Article 4 Deadlines

The following deadlines apply for the upcoming editions of the call for proposals:

	Time for applications for the call for proposals and sending the documents	Publication of the evaluation results by the IER	Deadline for submission of the positive evaluation of the thesis (only for winners)
Winter semester 2023/24	1 December 2023 to 31 January 2024	February 2024	30 November 2024
Summer semester 2024	15 April 2024 to 16 June 2024	July 2024	31 March 2025
Winters emester 2024/25	1 December 2024 to 31 January 2025	February 2025	30 November 2025
Summer semester 2025	14 April 2025 to 15 June 2025	July 2025	31 March 2026
Winter semester 2025/26	1 December 2025 to 31 January 2026	February 2026	30 November 2026
Summer semester 2026	13 April 2026 to 14 June 2026	July 2026	31 March 2027

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Winter semester 2026/27	1 December 2026 to 31 January 2027	February 2027	30 November 2027
Summer semester 2027	12 April 2027 to 13 June 2027	July 2027	31 March 2028
Winter semester 2027/28	1 December 2027 to 31 January 2028	February 2028	30 November 2028
Summer semester 2028	11 April 2028 to 12 June 2028	July 2028	31 March 2029

Article 5 Evaluation of the submissions

The IER of the Chamber of commerce of Bolzano/Bozen appoints an **internal evaluation commission** with at least three members. The commission shall act at its own unquestionable discretion, and:

- » determines up to three winners from all submitted exposés;
- » may invite several candidates to a personal interview for decision-making purposes.

Three grants for each edition are foreseen. It is at the discretion of the commission to reduce this number. In the event of a conflict of interest, the member of the commission concerned must refrain from evaluating the submission in question.

Evaluation criteria:

- » Originality of the research question
- » Reference to the South Tyrolean economy
- » Suitability and feasibility of the chosen research method
- » Concept evaluation (reasoning in the exposé)

The IER will notify **all participants of the evaluation results by e-mail**. In addition, the winners will be published on the website of the Chamber of commerce of Bolzano/Bozen.

Article 5 Award ceremony

The winners will be officially awarded at an **award ceremony at the Chamber of commerce of Bolzano/Bozen**. The date of the award ceremony will be defined in consultation with the winners. In any case, the prize-giving will only take place after all winners of the respective edition have completed their theses and officially submitted them to the university or university of applied sciences.

The winners will attend the award ceremony at the Chamber of commerce of Bolzano/Bozen **in person** and will **present the results of their theses**. During the award ceremony, photos or film recordings of the winners may be produced.

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Article 6 Payment of prizes

The prize money amounts to **1,500 euros per thesis** and is paid directly **to the winners**. If a thesis is written jointly by two or more students, the prize money is divided proportionally.

The prize will be paid after **all** the following steps have been completed:

1. The thesis has been **completed** and **evaluated positively** by the university or university of applied sciences.
2. The final thesis has been sent to the IER **in digital format**.
3. The **research results have been presented** during an award ceremony in the Chamber of commerce of Bolzano/Bozen.

Article 7 Intellectual property and use of the photo and video material

The theses are the property of the students or the corresponding universities. By participating in the call for proposal, the content of the theses may be used by the IER of the Chamber of commerce of Bolzano/Bozen to produce information material, for publications and promotions of institutional initiatives and, in general, for its own institutional purposes in the various communication channels – also online – with the **author's name being indicated**.

The Chamber of commerce of Bolzano/Bozen ensures that the photo and video material created on the occasion of the award ceremony will only be used to document and promote the call for proposals via websites, social media, seminars, conferences, and other initiatives. These can also be carried out in cooperation with other public institutions or companies.

Article 8 Brief privacy statement pursuant to Art. 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679

The data controller is the Chamber of commerce of Bolzano/Bozen, Via Alto Adige 60, I-39100 Bolzano, which you can contact by e-mail (segreteria generale@camcom.bz.it). Contact details of the data protection officer: renorm@legalmail.it. The personal data are processed for the participation in the call for proposals “Bachelor's and Master's theses on the South Tyrolean economy”. The data subject may exercise the rights provided for under Articles 15 to 22 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 by contacting the data controller. For further information, please read the detailed privacy statement, which can be downloaded from this link: <https://www.wifo.bz.it/de/privacy.html>. In this privacy statement you will also find information about the purpose and the way of capturing photos and videos during the event.

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