



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
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**IER**

Institute for  
economic research

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS “BACHELOR’S AND MASTER’S THESES ON THE SOUTH TYROLEAN ECONOMY”

### REGULATION

#### Article 1

##### Description and purpose

The **IER - Institute for Economic Research** of the Chamber of Commerce of Bolzano announces a call for proposals for the award of 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, one in the **winter semester 2020/21** and one in the **summer semester 2021**. A maximum of three grants of **€ 1,500.00 per thesis** can be awarded per edition. Funding will be provided for theses dealing with topics related to South Tyrol's economy.

#### Article 2

##### Participation conditions

The program "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** at home or abroad.

It is explicitly pointed out that the thesis must not have been completed by the time the application form is submitted. In addition, relatives (up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree) of employees of the Chamber of Commerce of Bolzano are excluded from participation as well as final theses which are realized in cooperation with the IER.

#### Article 3

##### Application

The **students** present the application for the program.

##### Deadlines:

<b>Winter semester 2020/21</b>	
Time for applications for the competition and for sending the documents	<i>16 November to 31 December 2020</i>
Deadline for submission of the positive evaluation of the thesis (only for winners)	<i>31 October 2021</i>

<b>Summer semester 2021</b>	
Time for applications for the competition and for sending the documents	<i>1 April to 16 May 2021</i>
Deadline for submission of the positive evaluation of the thesis (only for winners)	<i>28 February 2022</i>

### **Application requirements**

To participate in the program, the following documents must be sent to the e-mail address **wifo@handelskammer.bz.it**:

1. the completed application form with the declaration of consent to the processing of personal data (see website);
2. the curriculum vitae.

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

Please note that all necessary documents must be sent by e-mail in PDF-format. The subject of the e-mail should include "Call for proposals – Bachelor's and Master's theses on the South Tyrolean Economy" and the participant's surname.

The following section explains some special features for the documents to be submitted with the application:

#### **1. The application form**

The applicant, in agreement with the academic supervisor of the thesis, registers for the program. For this purpose, he or she uses only the forms provided at [www.wifo.bz.it/thesis](http://www.wifo.bz.it/thesis).

The application form should be printed out and signed. Alternatively, the application form may be digitally signed.

#### **Guidelines for the exposé: (maximum of 3,500 keystrokes including spaces)**

1. What is the central research question? Why is this question relevant and important for the South Tyrolean economy?
2. What is already known about this question?
3. How and with which methods will the research question be answered?
4. How is the work structured roughly? What is the timetable?

#### **2. The declaration of consent to the processing of personal data**

The declaration of consent to the processing of personal data must be duly completed and signed and sent along with the application. If the declaration of consent is missing, the applicant will be excluded from the program.

#### **3. The curriculum vitae**

The curriculum vitae must be submitted in tabular form in PDF format.

## **Article 4 Evaluation of the submissions**

### **Commission:**

The IER of the Chamber of Commerce of Bolzano appoints an internal evaluation commission with 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 are planned for each edition. 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, novelty of the research question
- Relevance for the South Tyrolean economy
- Application of methods and feasibility

**Article 5**

**Notification and announcement of grant recipients**

The grant recipients will be announced in **February 2021** (for the winter semester 2020/21) and in **June 2021** (for the summer semester 2021). The grant recipients will be notified by e-mail. The results will be published on the homepage of the Chamber of Commerce of Bolzano.

The grant recipients will be officially awarded at a **prize-giving ceremony held at the Chamber of Commerce of Bolzano**. The exact date of the award ceremony will be defined in consultation with the winners. In any case, the prize will only be awarded after the positive evaluations of the completed theses has been submitted. The grant recipients will present the **results of their theses** at this event, at which photos or film recordings of the winners may be produced.

**Article 6**

**Payment of prizes**

The prize will be paid out directly to the winners, after all the following steps have been completed:

- The **thesis has been completed and evaluated positively**.
- The IER has been provided with a bachelor's or master's thesis in **digital form** as well as the expertise of the commission responsible for the evaluation of the thesis.
- The **results** of the thesis have been **presented** in person at an awards ceremony in the Chamber of Commerce of Bolzano.

**Article 7**

**Intellectual property**

The theses are the property of the students or the corresponding universities.

By participating in the program, the content of the theses may be used by the IER of the Chamber of Commerce of Bolzano 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**.

**Article 8**

**Data protection and processing of personal data**

Information about the processing of personal data according to the GDPR 679/2016, Article 13 and Article 14:

We would like to point out that this data is collected and processed for the following purposes: conducting the program and entry in the IER distribution/ mailing list. The data will not be passed on to third parties. You can request access to your data, rectification, blocking and deletion at any time; you can also lodge a complaint against the processing of your data with a supervisory authority and generally assert all the rights of the data subject pursuant to Articles 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of European Regulation GDPR 679/2016. By disclosing the data, you authorize the owner to process them for the above-mentioned purpose. The holder of the personal data is the Chamber of Commerce of Bolzano. The data controller (GDPR 679/2016, Article 4, letter 7) is the Secretary General for the data processed by the Chamber of Commerce, while the special company "Institut für Wirtschaftsförderung" is responsible for the data processed by the company. Both have their seat at the Chamber of Commerce in 39100 Bozen, Südtiroler Straße 60.

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