



PAF

ABDOULAYE FADIGA PRIZE
FOR THE PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC
RESEARCH - 2026 EDITION

Call for Applications

The BCEAO launched the 2026 edition of the Abdoulaye FADIGA Prize for the promotion of economic research within the WAEMU, a Prize that pays tribute to the first African Governor of the BCEAO (1975-1988).

Awards

For the winner of PAF :

- A financial package of ten (10) million CFA francs ;
- A paid research stay at the BCEAO for a one (1) year period ;
- Publication of winning paper in the *Revue Economique et Monétaire (REM)* of BCEAO.

For the author of the second best article :

- A financial package of five (5) million CFA francs ;
- A paid research stay at the BCEAO for a one (1) year period ;
- Publication of winning paper in the *Revue Economique et Monétaire (REM)* of BCEAO.

Themes

Macroeconomic issues ; financial stability and micro and macroprudential policies ; financing economies ; regional economic integration ; challenges of rising protectionism, economic fragmentation, and trade wars ; climate change and its associated risks ; financial inclusion and innovations, digitalization ; impacts of exogenous shocks and any other topic of scientific or policy interest to the BCEAO and the economies of the WAEMU.

Languages

Studies to be submitted to the PAF may be written in **English, French or Portuguese**.

A **500-word abstract** is required in the language in which the study was written. In addition, when the study is written in French or Portuguese, it must include an English version of the abstract.

Application File

The complete application file, to be sent to the following address prixabdoulayefadiga@bceao.int must include:

- **duly completed and signed application form** ;
- **complete, non-revisable version of the study** (plus a 500 word summary) ;
- **original study, not published as an article, working paper, etc.** ;
- **databases and codes used in econometric analysis** ;
- **candidate's up-to-date resume and copy(ies) of his(their) valid passport(s) or national id. card(s)** ;
- **Anti-plagiarism pledge form, duly signed by the candidate(s)**.

Eligibility

Any researcher or team of researchers in economics fulfilling jointly the following requirements, is eligible for the 2026 edition of the Abdoulaye FADIGA Prize:

- Nationals of **Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal, or Togo**, regardless of their country of residence ;
- Aged **forty-five (45) years old** or younger on December 31, 2026 ;
- Holders of at least a **Master's degree in Economics** or in related fields, including applied statistics for economics, econometrics and finance.

For more information,
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Submission deadline
August 31, 2026



The Prize Rules, application forms, and anti-plagiarism charter, essential for any application, can be downloaded from BCEAO (www.bceao.int) or COFEB websites (<https://cofeb.bceao.int>).

These documents are also available at the National branches of the BCEAO. For further information, please write to: courrier.zdaji@bceao.int

All formalities related to applying for this Prize are free of charge.