

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

PAF WINNER



a financial package of **ten (10) million CFA francs**



a paid research stay at the **BCEAO** for a one (1) year period



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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 submitted via the **dedicated IT platform** on the BCEAO or COFEB website or sent to the following email address prixabdoulayefadiga@bceao.int must include:*

- **duly completed and signed application form;**
- **complete, non-revisable version of the study + 500 word summary;**
- **original study, not published as an article, working paper, etc.;**
- **databases and codes/programs used in econometric analysis;**
- **candidate's up-to-date resume and copy(ies) of his(their) valid passport(s) or national identification 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 PAF:

- 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.

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**Submission deadline
August 31, 2026**



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