

International Pre-University Award - FUNIBER Research

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The Iberoamerican University Foundation (FUNIBER), in collaboration with the Universidad Europea del Atlántico (European University of the Atlantic), the Universidade Internacional do Cuanza (International University of Cuanza, UNIC), the Universidad Internacional Iberoamericana (International Iberoamerican University of Mexico, UNINI-Mexico), the Fundación Universitaria Internacional de Colombia (International University Foundation of Colombia, UNINCOL), the Universidad de La Romana (University of La Romana, UNIROMANA), and the Universidad Internacional Iberoamericana (International Iberoamerican University, UNIB) with the purpose of encouraging research and knowledge with a positive social impact, announce the **International Pre-University Award FUNIBER Research**.

The Award is presented within the framework of FUNIBER's Social Action area.

OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

The objective of this call is to reward works that investigate transformation proposals for current challenges.

Our purpose is to reinforce the ethics and commitment of future professionals to society and the awareness of the social impact of science. As well as promoting critical and scientific thinking among the younger generations.

Topics can address solutions that fall under one of the sustainable development goals of the 2030 Agenda.

A proposal for a cross-cutting solution or one that is related to one of the following areas can be chosen:

- Law and Politics
- Health, Nutrition, Physical Activity
- Education and Teacher Training
- Environment
- Business Development
- Humanities and Communication
- Engineering, Architecture, and Design
- Psychology and Human Resources
- Tourism

PARTICIPANTS

Participation is open to high school students from any school located in [countries where FUNIBER is present](#).

Each school's administration may submit up to two research work entries it considers most appropriate for the Award. Permission from the school is required to participate and must be stated in the registry. It is mandatory to attach the letter of consent and/or permission issued by the educational center.

REQUIREMENTS, SUBMISSION, AND DOCUMENTATION

Entries may be submitted in Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, or English and will be judged on linguistic richness and the correct use of grammar and spelling of each language.

Entries must be original and unpublished. Works that have won awards in other competitions will not be accepted.

Schools may submit a maximum of two (2) projects.

To participate in the competition, it is essential to attach the work and fill out the online form found on the Award website.

Research works must be submitted ONLY in digital format using the form accessible from the web page. Files must be in PDF or Word format and no larger than 20 Mb.

Submitted works may have individual or group authorship of up to a maximum of three (3) people. In the event that the winning work is a multiple entry, only one award will be given, as specified in the Award section.

If you need to send additional material, you can send your files through WeTransfer or similar platforms and send the URL to the following email: accion.social@funiber.org

Works may be submitted between the dates indicated in the competition registration calendar. It is recommended to submit your work before the deadline to avoid server lag in the last hours of the deadline.

During the call, research resources such as templates, videos with interviews, and examples of research projects will be made available to interested parties to serve as a reference in the development of their work.

To qualify for the award, the finalists will have to defend their work before the jury.

JURY

The jury will be formed by professors, researchers, or professionals of the academic network that promotes the Award and research centers promoted by FUNIBER.

Professionals of recognized experience may also be invited to be part of the jury.

DECISION

The competition will select five (5) finalists who will be notified by email. Finalists must respond within one (1) week of sending the notification, confirming their participation in the oral defense of their work before the jury. Finalists who do not confirm by the deadline will be replaced.

The finalist project that is not present at the oral defense will not be awarded. The oral defense of the research work will be carried out in face-to-face mode with the possibility of presenting it online.

The defense of the five finalist works before the jury, the selection of the winners, and the awards ceremony will all be held separately.

The competition decision will be made public through the communication channels that FUNIBER deems appropriate.

Once the jury of experts has selected the winners, the awardees will be notified by email about the award they won.

During the act of defense of the works and the award ceremony, photographs will be taken, which can then be shared through our communication channels for the dissemination of the award, also for future publications on the initiative.

Regarding the granting of the award, the panel will evaluate originality, creativity, and academic rigor, as well as the relevance and pertinence of the subject matter.

AWARDS

The FUNIBER Research International Pre-University Award will grant two main awards and four special awards.

INTERNATIONAL PRE-UNIVERSITY AWARD - FUNIBER RESEARCH

The research work awarded first place will receive 400 dollars* for the authors and 250 dollars* for the school. A scholarship will be awarded by the Iberoamerican University

Foundation (FUNIBER) to the professor responsible for the research work, with 70% financial aid to study an online postgraduate program and 60% to study an online doctoral program promoted by FUNIBER and certified by one of the network's universities.

The research work awarded second place will receive 200 dollars* for the authors and 125 dollars* for the school. A scholarship will be awarded by the Iberoamerican University Foundation to the professor responsible for the research work, with 70% financial aid to study an online postgraduate program and 60% to study an online doctoral program promoted by FUNIBER and certified by one of the network's universities.

All finalists will receive a diploma of recognition.

The students who win first or second place and subsequently wish to study at one of the network's universities, whose programs are sponsored by FUNIBER, will also receive a waiver of the registration fee.

For teams, the authorship part of the award will be shared among the students responsible for the work.

At the discretion of the jury, it may award a variable number of runners-up awards or special mentions with no monetary reward.

The award may be declared void at the discretion of the jury.

* The amount or value corresponding to the awards may be delivered in cash, check, voucher, or in kind, as determined by the organizing institutions and the offices where the competition is held. The method of delivery may vary according to the local or administrative regulations of each location.

UNIROMANA SPECIAL AWARD

National participants from the Dominican Republic who are not finalists may compete for a special award to be granted at the Universidad de La Romana. In order to compete for the special award, two projects will be selected, and the participants must defend the research work presented in the call for proposals in person.

The first-place winner of the UNIROMANA Special Award will receive 200 dollars* for the authors and 125 dollars* for the school. A scholarship will be awarded by the Iberoamerican University Foundation (FUNIBER) to the professor responsible for the research work, with 70% financial aid to study an online postgraduate program and 60% to study an online doctoral program promoted by FUNIBER and certified by one of the network's universities.

The research work awarded second place will receive 100 dollars* for the authors and 75 dollars* for the school. A scholarship will be awarded by the Iberoamerican University Foundation to the professor responsible for the research work, with 70% financial aid to

study an online postgraduate program and 60% to study an online doctoral program promoted by FUNIBER and certified by one of the network's universities.

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UNIC SPECIAL AWARD

National participants from Angola who are not finalists may compete for a special award to be granted at the *Universidade Internacional do Cuanza*. In order to compete for the special award, two projects will be selected, and the participants must defend the research work presented in the call for proposals in person.

The first-place winner of the UNIC Special Award will receive 200 dollars* for the authors and 125 dollars* for the school. A scholarship will be awarded by the Iberoamerican University Foundation (FUNIBER) to the professor responsible for the research work, with 70% financial aid to study an online postgraduate program and 60% to study an online doctoral program promoted by FUNIBER and certified by one of the network's universities.

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SCHEDULE

Call 2025-2026

Announcement:	October 27, 2025
Works registration and submission:	From October 27, 2025 to March 2, 2026
Finalists announcement:	April 9, 2026
Oral defense:	April 21, 2026
Winners announcement:	April 29, 2026

ASSIGNMENT AND RIGHTS

The authors of the finalist and winning projects authorize FUNIBER and collaborating entities only to reproduce, publish, and disseminate the works for promotional, informative, and educational purposes related to the FUNIBER Research Award, always mentioning the authorship. Commercial use or assignment to third parties outside this context is not authorized. The author retains all other rights to their work.

The participants assure that they are the owners of the projects submitted and are responsible for its content with full indemnity of the organizers and sponsors of the contest.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Participation in this competition implies the full acceptance of these rules and the conformity with the decisions of the jury and the organization.

Any contingency not foreseen therein will be resolved by the organization.

The organizing institutions reserve the right to modify the rules, dates, or conditions of the competition for justified reasons, guaranteeing timely communication to the participants through official means.

Likewise, they may cancel the competition in case of *force majeure*, technical or legal impossibility, or any other circumstance that prevents it from being carried out properly, without this giving rise to any right to compensation or claim by the participants.