

Announcement

Leading House Best Paper Award 2025

Eligible for the award are all papers published in a journal¹ in 2025 that are authored or co-authored by a person working for the Leading House. Additionally, papers of PhD-students admitted to the Leading House Course Programme and/or presenting in the Friday Lunch Talk on VPET Economics are also eligible. Eligible papers must have been published in the Leading House Working Paper Series until one year after work with the Leading House has ended, or for PhD-students of the Course Programme until one year after the Course Programme or PhD is finished.

The Best Paper Award 2025 is awarded to the best published paper in a refereed journal on a topic related to the research areas of the Leading House VPET-ECON.² Two additional prizes are awarded as runner-up prizes. The Best Paper Award is accompanied with a cash bonus of 4'000 CHF for the best paper, and 2'000 CHF for each of the two runner-up prizes.³

The jury awarding the Leading House Best Paper Award consists of the members of the Advisory Board of the Leading House.

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¹ Published in a journal in 2025 includes either in print in 2025 or accessible at the website of the journal in 2025 (online-first).

² Research areas of the Leading House are in general the Economics of Vocational and Professional Education and Training, and in particular effects of (i) VET programs on labor market outcomes and innovation, (ii) economic shocks on apprenticeships, and (iii) educational policy interventions on educational and labor market outcomes.

³ There is no right to appeal.