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The AMF gives its first AMF Young Researcher Award in economics

The AMF has just given the first AMF Young Researcher Award in economics. The 2015 winner is Jean-Edouard Colliard, Assistant Professor in Finance at HEC. This award is meant to encourage academic research related to regulation and financial markets.

Attentive to current academic discussions in the area of economics and finance and seeking to encourage research related to financial regulation, the AMF announced in October 2014 that it had decided to create the AMF Young Researcher Award. The AMF has just unveiled the results of the first competition. The 2015 award has been given to Jean-Edouard Colliard, Assistant Professor in Finance at HEC, in recognition of his work on the financial markets microstructure.

The AMF Board chose the winner following a selection process by a committee made up of members of the AMF's Scientific Advisory Board and representatives of the market regulator's departments based on published articles submitted by 21 candidates. The Board also highly commended research by Vincent Bouvatier (Associate Professor at Université de Paris Ouest – Nanterre La Défense) and Camille Magron (Teaching and Research Assistant at EM Strasbourg Business School).

The AMF Young Researcher Award, which is worth EUR3,000, recognizes the best research by academics under 35 years old on economic and financial topics of concern to the French securities regulator.

The 2015 winner: Jean-Edouard Colliard

Assistant Professor in Finance at HEC, Jean-Edouard Colliard is a member of the CNRS-GREGHEC research institute. His main areas of research are regulation of financial institutions and financial markets microstructure, and include topics such as the financial transactions tax or the European banking union. Prior to joining HEC, he worked for two years as an economist at the ECB's Financial Research Division. Jean-Edouard Colliard received the 2013 Fondation Banque de France award for the best thesis on the monetary, financial and banking economy, as well as the first SUERF/Unicredit & Universities Foundation Research Prize for his work on the European banking union. Jean-Edouard Colliard is a former student of the Ecole Normale Supérieure (Ulm) in Paris and obtained his PhD in economics at the Paris School of Economics in 2012.

Highly commended: Vincent Bouvatier

Associate Professor at Université de Paris Ouest - Nanterre La Défense, Vincent Bouvatier conducts applied and econometric research at research lab EconomiX on a broad range of topics linked to the banking economy. His most recent research and university articles are on the consequences of the crisis on banks' activity and financial integration, as well as the evaluation of accounting information produced by banks. Vincent Bouvatier obtained his PhD in economics from Université de Paris 1 in 2007, for which he received the Thesis Prize from ANDESE (Association Nationale des Docteurs ès Sciences Economiques et en Sciences de Gestion) in 2008.

Highly commended: Camille Magron

Teaching and Research Assistant at EM Strasbourg Business School, Camille Magron is a member of economic and management research body LaRGE. Her research work in financial behaviours examines the rationality of individual investors and the performance of their portfolio. Camille Magron obtained a PhD in management science at the University of Strasbourg, for which she won the Benjamin Delessert Savings Banks Academic Award in 2015.

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