



Prime Ministry

Competition and Antitrust Council

Sponsored by His Excellency the Prime Minister to the Scientific Conference of the Competition and Antitrust Council

CAC organizes its annual research conference

Competition and Antitrust Research Award

The award aims to promote the culture of competition in competition law and economics. In this context, the best research papers submitted in each of the following three categories will be selected:

- 1- Student awards targeting BA and MA students.
- 2- Professional awards targeting professionals specialized in law and economics.
- 3- Academic awards targeting faculty members, researchers, and PhD students.



Main topic

The proposed topics address the nature of competition and its various dimensions and its central role in addressing economic challenges in Iraq, which opens the way for proposing innovative solutions and promising opportunities to enhance flexibility. The topics are as follows:

- 1- Challenges of competition policies in all working economic sectors in the market.
- 2- Dealing with the current situation and exploring opportunities to achieve economic development.
- 3- The role of economic tools for competition in achieving macroeconomic goals.
- 4- Evaluating the contribution of competition policies in international relations.
- 5- The role of competition in economic development and creating a secure investment environment.
- 6- The contribution of competition in supporting youth, medium, small, and micro-enterprises.
- 7- Evaluating the alignment between effective competition enforcement and conflicting goals in the current situation.
- 8- Any research papers on other topics related to the main topic of the award.



Timeline

15 October 2024	Deadline for submitting research proposals
23 October 2024	Announcement of accepted research proposals
15 November 2024	Deadline for submitting the final version of research papers
5 December 2024	Announcing the winning research papers for all categories and distributing awards at the CAC Annual Conference



Criteria for selecting research proposals

The research proposal should not exceed 1,000 words and should include:

1- Research topic and plan:

Clearly define the research problem and the question the research will address in light of the existing literature.

Explain how the proposed research will contribute to deepening knowledge and addressing current challenges in Iraq.

2- Methodology and analysis

Explain the proposed research methodology, the key hypotheses to be tested, and the analytical techniques to be used in detail, whether the analysis is quantitative, by describing the model used or qualitative, by explaining the case study or comparative analysis approach.

Identify the data sources and the period covered by the data, if applicable.

3- Proposed policy implications

Participants can present the preliminary results and the implications of the proposed policy.

Explain how the results will contribute to understanding the research topic and addressing the existing challenges.



Criteria for selecting research papers

The research papers must meet the following requirements:

- Researcher's personal information: (Name, Email, affiliation)
- Applicants whose research proposals are accepted must submit the final version of their research papers **by November 15, 2024**.
- Terms used in the research paper should be (Keywords).
- A summary at the beginning of the research paper of 300 words or less.
- The number of words should range between 5,000 and 9,000 words.
- The research paper's sources, citations, and references must follow the APA style.

Notes

1- The submitted research papers are reviewed, and the winners are selected by experts in economics, law, and competition policies.

2- The research papers should be submitted to the Council in Word file format to the following email addresses:

(info@cac.gov.iq), or (competition.prize@cac.gov.iq)

3- Research papers submitted in either Arabic or English language are accepted.