

**Statement by Professor Juan Urritia,
President of the Urritia Elejalde Foundation (FUE),
Announcing the Instituting of the
*FUE Research Diversity Prize***

Keeping to the commitment that the Foundation Urritia Elejalde (FUE) took in the 2009 annual meeting of ASSET in Istanbul, I, as President of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, have the pleasure of announcing the call for nominations for the first edition of the FUE Research Diversity Prize. This prize is directed to the enhancement of diversity in quality research by economists working on a variety of fields.

Nominations can be made on behalf of any researcher who now or in the past has worked in an institution affiliated with ASSET. Nominations should include the list of publications of the candidate, with a clear indication of the date and journal when and where they appeared. They may (but need not) include a nomination statement referring to the variety and the quality of the candidate's work in economics and other fields. Nominations can be made by any researcher or group of researchers working in an institution belonging to ASSET, and by the candidates themselves, if they wish.

Submissions have to reach the Foundation (FUE, Fortuny 37, sotabanco dcha. 28010, Madrid, Spain or juan.urrutiaelejalde.org) before the last day of July.

The method to classify candidates according to the diversity will take into account both the h index and the number of areas in which the candidate has published as indicated by the web of science. In both cases proper weights will be assigned to the number of papers according to their quality as reflected by the index and to the number of areas in which the researcher has made significant contributions.

The FUE will appoint an ad-hoc Committee of three members presided by the President of the Board of directors of the Foundation and two other members. Aurelia Modrego, from Universidad Carlos III, will act as Secretary of the Committee. This committee will choose a unique prize winner among those candidates pre-selected by the President and the Secretary. The decision, not subject to appeal, will be announced by the end of October 2010.

The prize will consist of a substantial direct financial aid for the organization, in connection with the 2011 ASSET meeting, of a special workshop directed by the winner of the 2010 prize, on subjects reflecting the variety and scope of his or her research interests. The winner, by accepting the prize, will also commit to help organize the meeting. He will be presented the prize and a diploma during the 2010 ASSET meetings, where the general subject of the special workshop will be announced.

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