

International Pre-University Prize - FUNIBER Investiga

RULES

The Iberoamerican University Foundation FUNIBER in collaboration with the Universidad Europea del Atlántico (European Atlantic University), the *Universidade Internacional do Cuanza (International University of Cuanza, UNIC)*, the Universidad Internacional Iberoamericana (International Iberoamerican University, UNINI-México), the Fundación Universitaria Internacional de Colombia (International University Foundation of Colombia, UNINCOL), the 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 **FUNIBER Investiga** International Pre-University Prize.

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

OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

The purpose of this call is to reward research works on 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. Also, to promote 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 Policy
- 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 Prize. 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 school.

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Entries must be original and unpublished.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 prizes 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 Prize website.

Research papers 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 entry is a multiple entry, only one prize will be awarded, as specified in the Prize 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.

Entries 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 those interested to serve as a reference in the development of their own work.

To qualify for the prize, 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 Prize and research centers promoted by FUNIBER.

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

DECISION

The contest 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 paper will be conducted online.

The defense of the five finalist works before the jury, the decision of the winners, and the Prize ceremony will take place asynchronously.

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

Once the jury of experts has selected the winners, the winners will be informed of the prize won via email.

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

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

PRIZES

Each call of the FUNIBER Investiga International Pre-University Prize will grant two prizes.

The first-place winner will receive a prize of 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 or 60% to study an online doctoral program promoted by FUNIBER and certified by one of the network's universities.

The second-place winner will receive a prize of 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 or 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 first- or second-place winning students who want to study in one of the universities of the network, whose programs are sponsored by FUNIBER, will also receive a registration fee waiver.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE

Call: October to March

Announcement:	October 2nd, 2024
Registration and submission of papers:	October 2nd, 2024 to December 1st, 2024
Finalists' announcement:	February 2nd, 2025
Oral defense:	February 18th, 2025
Winners' announcement:	March 4th, 2025

RELEASE AND RIGHTS

The authors of the winning and selected photographs will transfer their rights of reproduction, communication, and publication to the organization of the contest for the purpose of dissemination and promotion of the Prize, as well as exhibition in traveling exhibitions linked to the organization, always citing the name of the author and without prejudice to their own rights as author.

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 contest 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.