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Prizes to Best Economics Students in South Africa – 2015 Academic Year

Economic Research Southern Africa is pleased to continue the annual awarding of monetary prizes to the best Economics students in Southern Africa.

The motivation for this initiative is that in general, relative to accounting and finance related subjects, Economics often has few prizes to award. In addition recognition for student performance is one of the key mechanisms departments have available in order to motivate students to continue with studies in economics.

To this end, ERSA is offering the following prizes for all universities in Southern Africa with an economics teaching programme. A monetary award for each year of study is proposed as follows:

- R800 for the second placed student
- R1 000 for the first placed student

Associated with the prizes, the award winning students in third year, Honours and Masters studies will be given preferential access to summer school courses run by ERSA.

As recognition of the prize winners' achievements, ERSA will offer the Department of Economics at your university the amount of R3500 to host a social function. Where possible, an ERSA office bearer will attend. A group photograph of the prize winners as well as a short summary of the event must be submitted to ERSA after the function to be placed on the ERSA website.

Please find attached a form which should be completed with the details of the top two students in each year of study of Economics. This form should be sent to prizes@econrsa.org as soon possible with the deadline for submission the 29 February 2016. No correspondence will be entered into once this deadline has passed.

Prize winning students monetary awards in addition to the departmental function donation of R3500 will be paid in one total sum on presentation of an invoice from your institution. This will be paid via EFT by the end of March 2016. It is the institutions responsibility to disburse the funds timeously to the relevant awardees along with the ERSA certificate. In this regard please ensure that all information regarding prize winners is correct as ERSA will not enter into any correspondence once the funds and certificates have been disbursed.

Prize winners' photographs (individual or group) should be sent via e-mail (to prizes@econrsa.org) once the prizes have been awarded. Please use the following format for the photographs - for landscape orientation: width must be at least 400px; for portrait orientation: height must be at least 400px. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions surrounding this initiative.

Yours sincerely

The ERSA Administrative Team