

## RESEARCH INCENTIVES PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR 2010

### 1 Objective

This initiative gives incentives to researchers at the Collegio Carlo Alberto (CCA) to publish articles in reputable peer-reviewed scientific journals in economics, finance, political science, sociology, and demography and statistics. These incentives take the form of a monetary reward for any such publication in which the CCA is expressly indicated among the author's affiliations.

### 2 Procedure

#### 2.1 Requirements

Articles may be submitted for consideration by any researcher who, during a given calendar year, meets one of the following requirements:

- he/she is either a full-time CCA faculty member (Assistant Professor or Chair)
- he/she is a Carlo Alberto Fellow, a Carlo Alberto Affiliate, a Research Associate, a Senior Research Fellow, a Honorary Fellow, a member of the Statistics Initiative, a post-doc or a Fellow in Italian Studies

An article (not a review or comment) may be submitted for consideration if it appears during the calendar year in a journal belonging to a list approved by the Senior Committee (Carlo Alberto Fellows and Chairs) of CCA. Research monographs, edited volumes and chapters therein may also be submitted, as long as they are printed by one of the publishers in the above-mentioned list.

In order for a publication to entitle to a reward, the author must also *clearly indicate the CCA as one of his/her affiliations*. The publication may be co-authored and a researcher may propose as many articles as he/she likes, with monetary incentives accumulating up to a maximum allowable total. The work's major contribution must be of potential relevance to economics or the social sciences.

#### 2.2 Evaluation

In the mentioned list, scientific journals are divided into tiers A, B and C. Tier A includes journals universally considered "top" (and with the widest circulation) within the disciplines of economics, finance, political science, sociology and statistics. Tier B includes those journals judged to be the best within the various subfields of these disciplines, as well as the best in related disciplines. It also includes a few journals that, though with lower impact than those in Tier A, still have very significant impact within their specific discipline. Tier C includes reputable journals whose impact within their specific discipline is significant (see the list for details), as well as some journals which, though without IF, are considered worthy of special consideration. Monographs and chapters in collective works are also divided into tiers A, B and C, according to the average estimated quality of the publisher.

#### 2.3 Points to be awarded

The total monetary reward received by a researcher depends on the number of award points accumulated by him/her during the given calendar year. Points are awarded to publications according to the following scale:

- 10 points for an article published in a Tier A journal
- 4 points for an article published in a Tier B journal
- 1.5 points for an article published in a Tier C journal
- 10 points for a monograph published by a Tier A publisher
- 4 points for a monograph published by a Tier B publisher
- 1.5 points for a monograph published by a Tier C publisher

- 2 points for a chapter in a collective work published by a Tier A publisher
- 1 point for a chapter in a collective work published by a Tier B publisher
- 0.5 points for a chapter in a collective work published by a Tier C publisher

These award points can be accumulated up to a maximum of 20 for a given calendar year. For works with multiple authors, the points awarded are modified by the coefficient  $(n+1)/(2n)$ , with  $n$  the total number of authors. The monetary value of each award point is determined by the Director of the CCA every calendar year.

#### 2.4 Administration

For the calendar year 2010 this initiative will be coordinated by Paolo Ghirardato, Deputy Director for Scientific Affairs. Incentive requests will have to be made, *after the work has been officially published* (e.g., if the paper appears on the May issue of a journal, after May 1<sup>st</sup>) through an online form, in which the submitter will be asked to provide all the necessary information for the assessment of the correct incentive reward.

#### 2.5 Transitional Rules

Through the end of 2011, the *2009 version* of the Research Incentives Program (and the 2009 list) still applies to:

- papers published in 2009 that have not been submitted yet;
- scholars who were eligible according to the 2009 Program and do not qualify for the 2010 version.

As a general rule, in all cases in which a work's award is decreased as a result of changes in the incentive program and/or lists, the incentive program in effect at the date of the first submission should be adopted in calculating the award (i.e., if a paper is submitted in 2009 to a journal that in 2010 is demoted to a lower tier, then the 2009 award should be granted).