

Collegio Carlo Alberto

RESEARCH INCENTIVES CALENDAR YEAR 2008

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, 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 Carlo Alberto fellow, or an assistant professor, or a Junior research fellow of CCA
- he/she is a researcher at one of the research units and centers housed at, and funded by, the CCA, who carries out a substantial portion of his/her research activity there.

An article (not a review or comment) may be submitted for consideration if it appeared during the calendar year in a journal belonging to a list approved by the Board 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.

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 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 (precisely, those whose average impact factor during the preceding three-year period was not less than 0.4), as well as some journals of regional interest. Monographs and/or (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:

- 6 points for an article published in a Tier A journal
- 3 points for an article published in a Tier B journal
- 1.5 points for an article published in a Tier C journal
- 6 points for a monograph published by a Tier A publisher
- 3 points for a monograph published by a Tier B publisher
- 1.5 points for a monograph published by a Tier C publisher
- 3 points for an edited volume/chapter in a collective work published by a Tier A publisher 1.5 points for an edited volume/chapter in a collective work published by a Tier B publisher
- 0.75 points for an edited volume/chapter in a collective work published by a Tier C publisher

These award points can be accumulated up to a maximum of 15 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 Board of CCA every calendar year.

2.4 Administration

For the calendar year 2008 this initiative will be coordinated by Paolo Ghirardato, Carlo Alberto Fellow.