



YANIL Research Prize for and Innovative and Outstanding Research 3rd Edition rules, 2025

The 2025 YANIL Prize will take the form of a two-stage research competition:

First round: research output

- (1) Candidates can submit their research output which has been published or accepted for publication in an academic journal, or as a chapter in a book, between 1 January 2024 and 1 September 2025.
- (2) The research output must be related to insolvency and restructuring law.
- (3) The research output must be submitted to: yanil@insol-europe.org no later than **31 October 2025**.
- (4) If the research output is not written in English, an adequate English translation of the whole research output should be provided too.
- (5) The research output may not have been awarded, or be currently submitted for, another academic prize or recognition.
- (6) Co-authored research output is accepted as long as the candidate demonstrates that their participation in the writing of the research output was significant (by writing a self-declaration explaining your contribution to the research and signed by your co-author(s)).

What we expect: an innovative, high-quality and outstanding piece academic research.

Up to 6 submissions will be selected to proceed to round 2 of the competition. The Jury may decide to select fewer submissions if, in its opinion, not enough contributions of adequate quality have been submitted.

Second round: video

- (1) Candidates will need to submit a video relating to the research output of between 3 and 5 minutes.
- (2) The video needs to be submitted as a we-transfer link to: yanil@insol-europe.org. The date for submitting the video will be announced to candidates proceeding to the second round.
- (3) The video should provide:
 - The context to your research output.
 - A summary of the research output.
 - The research output's main insights/contribution to research.
- (4) The video needs to be recorded horizontally (landscape mode).

What we expect: an appealing video that effectively disseminates the content of the research output and engages the audience. The video should be creative and fun to watch.

Prizes

Up to three prizes will be awarded at the end of the two-stage process:

1. 1st place: EUR 500
2. 2nd place: EUR 350
3. 3rd place: EUR 250.

Criteria for candidates

A candidate must:

- Currently be PhD researchers; **OR**
- Have obtained a PhD degree in the last five years (by October 2020); **OR**
- Be graduates who have obtained an undergraduate law degree (e.g. LLB; bachelor of laws; etc.) and be currently engaged or have completed a postgraduate course of study in law - academic (e.g. LLM) or practice-oriented (e.g. bar exam) in the last five years (not earlier than October 2020).
- Submit a short biography (no more than 250 words) explaining their current position and affiliation and the recent and current research activities in which they have been engaged, and which have led to the production of the research output.

The winning candidate(s) will be announced in Autumn 2025 at the next YANIL Research seminar in Vienna. The first prize winner will be invited to present the research output at an online YANIL research seminar. The winning candidates' videos will be published on the INSOL Europe/YANIL, and BWILC websites.

Jury

The jury will consist of:

Giulia Ballerini (YANIL chair); Gert-Jan Boon; Guillem Gabriel-Pizarro; Vasile Rotaru; Jonatan Schytzer; Defne Tasman and a member of the INSOL Europe Academic Forum's board.

Other information

- Members of the jury are not eligible to participate.
- Candidates will not be awarded more than once a prize in the competition.
- The Jury may decide not to award the prize(s) if, in its opinion, no submission of adequate quality has been submitted in the first or second round.
- For issues that arise in the course of the prize, but not addressed by the above rules, it is at the discretion of the jury to make a decision.
- This prize is made possible with kind financial support of the [Foundation Bob Wessels Insolvency Law Collection](#) (BWILC).