



Labour Research Contest

Research on exploring Industrial Relations practices and reflections toward better policies

Opportunities to receive awards up to 100 million VND

Contestants will stand the chance to

- ✓ Strengthen your knowledge and research capacity in labour study
- ✓ Participate in labour researchers network
- ✓ Join in training activities on labour research organized by International Labour Organization (ILO)
- ✓ Be guided regarding research methodologies and support of leading experts to implement your research proposal
- ✓ Contribute to improve relevant labour policies which might influence on millions of workers in Viet Nam
- ✓ Receive grant awards up to VND 100.000.000 in tandem with opportunities to publicize your papers on reputable national and international journals

Grant awards

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Category 1 – Grant awards for good research proposals will be given up to 5 proposals. Each grant award might have total value up to VND 60.000.000.

Category 2 – Grant awards for best papers, which are subject to be given to two research papers. Each grant award might have total value up to VND 40.000.000. All the applicants to the contest are automatically considered in category 2 if their research proposal and research papers are submitted on time and confirmed by the Organizers.

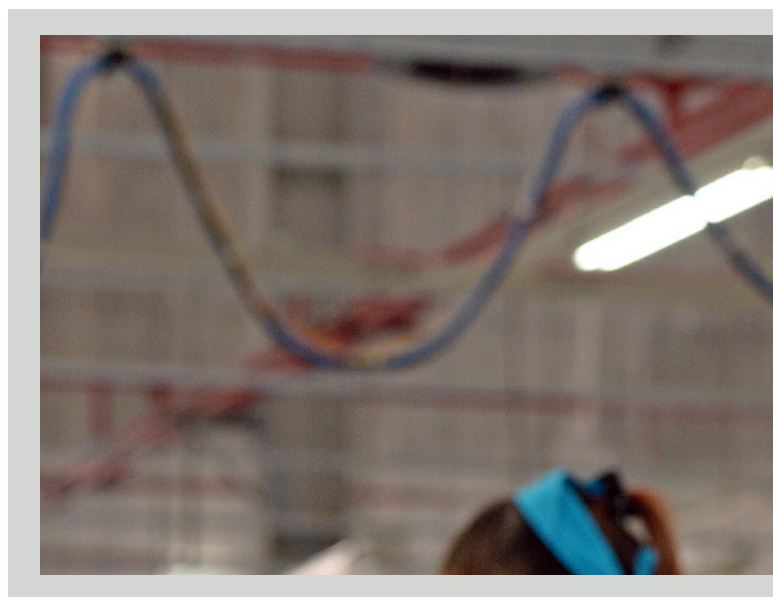
Labour Research Contest 2018 – a joint initiative of International Labour Organization (ILO) in Vietnam and its key national partner Ministry of Labour-Invalids and Social Affairs (MoLISA) – is a prominent activity under the framework of the New Industrial Relations Framework Projects, aiming at improving development of a systematic and scientific IR database system in Vietnam, and promoting utilization of evidence-based approaching local labour study and policy making process.

This activity is firstly to provide an opportunity for strengthening further local research capacity on labour issues, especially IR-related topics with stronger research skills using database and information for their analysis and conceptualization; and secondly, to establishing a radical bridge connecting researchers who produce high-quality labour research with useful and pragmatic findings, and policy-makers who might take advantages of these findings as a scientific texture for their way of policy and law development.

The MoLISA and ILO, together as the Organizers, manage the Labour Research Contest and its grant awards from qualified researchers and organisations focusing on research for better understanding real movement of IR issues and finding out its problems, and further for contributing toward better labour policies.

The objective of Research Contest is

- (1) to promote attention and policy engagement of researchers on heated IR-related issues as well as other labour themes by supporting Vietnam's research community;
- (2) to strengthen evidence-based approach; and
- (3) to create legitimate influence the policy agenda on contents relating to industrial relations issues.



Themes of Labour Research Contest

The Organizers welcomes both proposals with usage of existing data-sets, as well as ones with surveys designed intentionally to explore a particular angle of issues. The qualitative and quantitative methods are both accepted. The research proposals shall concern, but not limited to, one (or more) of those following themes:

Theme one – The effect of collective bargaining on wages and working conditions

Theme two – Innovative mechanism to settle interest-based labour disputes through mediation

Theme three – Linkage between social dialogue and business performance

Theme four – Trade union rights in the context of Vietnam trade union reform

Theme five – Gender-based discrimination at workplace

Applicants are also encouraged to reflect labour related Sustainable Development Goals for Viet Nam and identify clear and practical research questions/hypothesis in line with the themes selected.



Contest format

Phase one – Selection of the most practical ideas will be conducted for granting awards under category 1 for good research proposal. The applications are equally assessed according to the criteria set out by the Organizers.

Phase two – The awarded ideas to be implemented with the technical and financial support from the ILO and MoLISA to draft and complete the research papers;

Phase three – Selection of research papers will be conducted for granting awards under category 2 for best papers, which are subject to give opportunity for not only the awardees of category 1 but also other applicants if their research proposal and research papers are submitted on time and confirmed by the Organizers. The qualified papers will be presented in a Research Seminar co-hosted by MoLISA and ILO and have supports to publicize in reputable journals.

Milestones

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24 April – 25 June: Submission period

25 June – 15 July: Selection of 10 applications and revision for considering the grant awards under category 1

01 August: Announcement grant awards under category 1 for 5 research proposals

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01 August – 31 December: Implementation of awarded research proposal under category 1

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31 December: Submission of research papers (this is applied to all applicants) to considering the the grant awards under category 2

March 2019: Research Seminar, Granting award for category 2

Who are eligible?

Please send us your application if you are individuals of Vietnamese nationality (post-graduate students and independent researchers are encouraged) or legally operated Vietnamese organizations in form of research teams. The exception is that the ILO and agencies and units affiliated with MoLISA at the Central level and the staffs of these agencies are not enabled to submit proposals to ensure transparency of the Contest. Applicants from MoLISA affiliated universities/training institutions are, however, eligible. We encourage both female and male researcher with no restriction in term on academic background.

Other terms and conditions as well as other instruction for activities in the Contest is provided in Call for Application and other forms. Applicants are requested to read and follow strictly these contents as instructed. Your application should be sent to han_contest@ilo.org from 07:00 a.m. 24 April 2018 to 05:30 p.m. 25 June 2018.

Contact us

The detailed information about the Contest, call for applications and application forms could be loaded from Institute of Labour Study and Social Affairs website (<http://www.ilssa.org.vn>) and ILO Hanoi's website (<http://www.ilo.org/hanoi>). Applications and inquiries relating to this Contest should be sent to the Organizers via email han_contest@ilo.org.

