UniCredit & Universities Foundation launches the fourth edition of the UniCredit Best Paper Award, the competition open to all UniCredit’s employees.

**Call for papers**

The UniCredit Best Paper Award is offered to all employees of UniCredit.

This award is offered for two outstanding scientific papers, in the fields of finance, economics, law, politics, social sciences, whose content must be of relevance to the Group.

The award grants EUR 5,000 gross of taxes per paper.

**Conditions for Participation**

1. All colleagues - both part-time or full-time, open-ended or fixed-term contracts - employed by UniCredit, from every country where UniCredit is present - are eligible to take part in the competition. Consultants and trainees are excluded.

2. The submitted papers shall be of outstanding scientific quality; only one paper per author may be submitted.

3. The review process shall assess the quality and originality of the paper as well as its relevance to the tasks and functions of UniCredit.

4. Co-authored papers are accepted. Every author of a coauthored paper must fulfill all conditions for participation.

5. Papers must be written in English and must be submitted in PDF format using the application available on the Foundation’s website at http://www.unicreditanduniversities.eu.

6. Applications must be accompanied by a copy of applicants’ CV (in PDF format).

7. UniCredit office e-mail address has to be indicated in the application form.

8. If the submitted paper has already won an award or if it has been submitted for other prizes or grants, this circumstance shall be mentioned in the application.

9. Moreover, applicants shall indicate whether – and if it is so, when and in what format – the submitted paper or parts thereof have already been published.

10. Papers already submitted for the previous editions of the Best Paper Award competition will not be accepted.

**General Rules and Deadline**

Applications must be received by the compulsory deadline of March 15, 2013. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the competition.

Submissions for the UniCredit Best Paper Award shall be treated confidentially.

Submitted papers shall be assessed by the UniCredit & Universities Foundation Scientific Committee along with the support of some representatives of the Group selected by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

The final decision shall be taken by the Board of Directors of the Foundation based on the Scientific Committee proposal.

The decision of the Board of Directors of the Foundation shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.

Authors of awarded papers will be notified by 30 April 2013. The winners might be asked to present their main findings at a workshop to be held by the end of 2013. For the workshop the experts in the fields that are the subject of the awarded papers can also be invited.

The paper winners and those that are chosen for any special mention by the Scientific Committee will all be published in the Working Paper Series of UniCredit & Universities Foundation.

UniCredit shall have the right to inform the public about awarded papers through press releases or other channels of communication (e.g. the UniCredit and the Foundation websites).

By submitting their papers, applicants consent to the above terms and conditions. The granting of awards shall entail no further obligations for UniCredit and the Foundation.

**Acceptance of Terms and Conditions**

Taking part in the competition entails unconditional acceptance of all the articles of this notice.

Milan, September 12, 2012