

The Young Economists' Journal

What is the YEJ?

The Young Economists' Journal (YEJ) is an initiative under the Young Economists' Convention (YEC) which showcases the youth's capabilities in the field of research, empirical analyses, and academic/technical writing. It simulates the environment faced by researchers and analysts. It is founded on the conviction that the youth can produce excellent and innovative academic papers if they are given the proper training. The YEJ welcomes contributors who use different types of methodologies in research – quantitative or qualitative – for as long as their work is relevant and timely.

Can I be a YEJ Contributor?

Of course! The DLSU – Economics Organization gladly encourages and welcomes contributors from different institutions, universities, regions and countries. One can be a contributor provided that they meet the following requirements:

1. Contributor teams for the YEJ must be formed by a minimum of one (1) person and a maximum of four (4) people
2. Contributors of the YEJ must be from the following demographic:
 - a. Senior High School students in their final year enrolled in any registered academic institution
 - b. Undergraduate students enrolled in any registered academic institution
 - c. Individuals who have graduated with a bachelor's degree **less than** a year prior to the date of application
3. Must be willing to write an empirical research paper and an executive summary to be published online under the Young Economists' Journal; their works will also be endorsed to the Angelo King Institute of Economic and Business Studies and other research institutions for possible publication opportunities

To become a contributor, simply fill up the form here: tinyurl.com/YEJApplication and wait for the DLSU-EconOrg Research team to contact you.

What benefits can YEJ offer me?

1. A cash prize worth Php5,000 for the most outstanding research paper contributed to the Young Economists' Journal.
2. Works will be endorsed to the Angelo King Institute for Economic and Business Studies and other research institutions.
3. Online publication of the chosen research papers in the Young Economists' Journal (YEJ) in the YEC Website.
4. The opportunity to discuss your research output in the Young Economists' International Convention on July 2018 in front of local and international delegates, researchers, and educators.

How does the YEJ Journey work?

The YEJ Journey is a rewarding process and can be broken down into simple steps.

1. The YEJ begins with a call for contributors or papers, which stimulates the contributors into forming new ideas or opening existing works up for revision. In this step, interested contributors are asked to register via tinyurl.com/YEJApplication
2. Registered contributors are contacted by the Research team through e-mail, text or social media within 1 week to confirm their registration. These representatives are tasked to answer any questions and concerns the contributors may have about the YEJ
3. Contributors are asked to submit a concept paper on or before **March 2, 2018** containing the following details:
 - I. **Working Title and Abstract**
 - II. **Introduction:** This contains an overview of the research topic the contributor(s) want to explore in their work
 - a. **Background of the Study:** This discusses the current trends and stylized facts relevant to their research topic
 - b. **Statement of the Problem:** This provides the primary research question or issue in their study
 - c. **Objectives:** This provides the general and specific objectives of their work; the rest of the paper will be geared towards meeting these objectives
 - d. **Significance of the Study:** This explains the relevance and timeliness of the work
 - e. **Scope and Limitations**
 - III. **Literature Review:** This should properly cite and synthesize official works and publications relevant to the contributors' study

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4. These concept papers will be screened by the organization and constructive criticism will be forwarded to the contributors' for them to take into account
5. After the concept papers have been screened and approved, participants will be asked to continue with the rest of the research paper and submit the next parts on **April 28, 2018**.

6. The subsequent parts of the research paper must contain:
 - IV. Theoretical/Conceptual/Empirical Framework
 - V. Methodology
 - a. Data
 - b. Experimental Design or Survey Design (if applicable)
 - c. Operational Framework and *A Priori* Expectations
 - d. Quantitative/Qualitative Methods/Techniques

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These will once again be forwarded along with the revised concept paper (if applicable) to the DLSU-EconOrg representative for screening in terms of feasibility. Data requirements will be endorsed to Angelo King Institute for Economic and Business Studies. Again, feedback will be given and forwarded to the contributors for consideration.

7. Contributors will be asked to attend the Young Economists' Technical Workshop (YETW) Series which will occur on two consecutive **Saturdays in March 2018**, and **one Saturday in June 2018**. The YETW are workshops with esteemed speakers which will help train the participants in technical writing, data analysis, model building, and other concepts relevant to empirical research. **YEJ contributors will be granted free admission into the event.**
8. After the workshops, participants will be asked to accomplish the last parts of their paper. These are:
 - VI. Results and Discussion
 - VII. Conclusion and Recommendation

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These are once again forwarded with the prior parts (as one complete paper) to the DLSU-EconOrg Research team for the final assessment. The results of the assessment will be communicated shortly thereafter.

9. After the results have been communicated to the contributors, selected contributors will be asked to write an executive summary to be published in YEJ. They will also be asked to **present as speakers in the Young Economists' International Convention on July 2018**. Their works will also be endorsed to the Angelo King Institute for Economic and Business Studies and other research institutions.