

Announcement

Family Business and Mittelstand Research Award 2025

The [EQUA-Stiftung](#) and the FGF support researchers by donating the prize money of 1.000 Euro for the "Family Business and Mittelstand Research Award 2025", which will be awarded during the 28th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Entrepreneurship and Innovation, September 17th to 19th, 2025 in Stuttgart (Germany).

Participants are all authors who submit a **full paper** proposal (30 pages + literature notes) until May 10th, 2025 (**extended submission deadline May 31, 2025**) for the G-Forum 2025.

The award-winners will be determined in a two-step selection process. In the first stage, the results of the double-blind review process will be considered.

Selection criteria for scientific contribution proposals are:

- Use / relevance for family business-research and -practice
- Conceptual strength
- Methodology
- Originality / novelty
- Intelligibility

In the second stage, the authors (individual authors or team) of the three best works of this review process are nominated for the "Family Business and Mittelstand Research Award 2025". Out of these nominated works the award-winner will be selected by a five-member jury (scientists from the FGF-working group "Family Business" and representatives of the founder).

Submission guidelines:

The submission of the scientific contribution should ideally be divided as follows:

- Problem (research gap / objectives)
- Theoretical foundation
- Methodology / empirical research context
- Results
- Implications for family business research and practice

Please submit your full papers as a pdf document in an anonymized form (without author information) until May 10, 2025 (**extended submission deadline May 31, 2025**) via our [G-Forum conference tool](#). We will inform the authors at the end of July 2025 about the acceptance of their proposals.

Presentation of the nominated works and appreciation of the winners

Nominated authors (individual authors or team) are invited for presentations at the G-Forum 2025 (presentation by at least one author is required). The announcement of the winner and the prize presentation take place at the dinner reception of the G-Forum 2025 in Stuttgart (Germany) on September 18th, 2025.

For further information, please contact our FGF office via email: info@fgf-ev.de.