ESSEC Foundation Awards 2016

The ESSEC Foundation Awards ceremony was held on March 30, 2016 at the Palace Potocki, headquarters of the Paris Île-de-France Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Created three years ago by the ESSEC Foundation and the Office of the Dean of ESSEC Business School, the Foundation Awards aim to recognize the quality of education provided at ESSEC and more specifically the excellence of the faculty. As an academic institution with a mission to create and transmit cutting-edge knowledge in order to train and develop bold pioneers and influential leaders, ESSEC and the ESSEC Foundation, through the Foundation Awards, reaffirm their commitment to academic excellence enriched by the research produced by its faculty.

According to Jean-Michel Blanquer, Dean and President of ESSEC, "The ESSEC Foundation provides invaluable support to the development of our institution's academic excellence. Organized by the Office of the Dean and the ESSEC Foundation, these awards demonstrate our academic ambition as well as our desire to make the faculty the cornerstone of our school's development."

"ESSEC Foundation donors are particularly attentive to the academic excellence of the school and are happy to support the faculty's best projects through the Foundation Awards," explains Thierry Fritsch, President of the ESSEC Foundation.

For this third edition, students and executive education program participants voted on the professor(s) they wished to recognize and the selection was then validated by a panel including representatives from the ESSEC Foundation, members of senior management and the Dean and President of ESSEC. The ESSEC Foundation Teaching Award 2016 was presented to:

- For the permanent professor category:
  - Luc Paugam, Associate Professor, Accounting and Management Control Department

- For the external lecturer category:
  - Makram Bellalah, holds a PhD in Finance and lectures at ESSEC

The "Daniel Tixier Award" of pedagogical experience, an award to honor a professor or lecturer who imparts an original educational experience, was awarded to Aurélien Colson, Associate Professor, Public and Private Policy Department and Patricia Langhor, Teaching Associate Professor, Economics Department for their 2015 MSc in Management seminar entitled "Understand and Change the World."

The Research Award was awarded to two laureates who tied for first place:

- Srividya Jandhyala, Assistant Professor, Management Department, for her article, "The Role of Intergovernmental Organizations in Cross-Border Knowledge Transfer and Innovation" co-written with Anupama Phene and published in the Administrative Science Quarterly Journal.


The PhD Award was granted to Lisa Baudot, currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Central Florida’s, Kenneth G. Dixon School of Accounting, for her doctoral thesis, “A Study of the US GAAP – IFRS Convergence Process: Institutionalization in Global Accounting Change” under the supervision of Marie-Laure Djelic and Chrystelle Richard.

Finally, the ESSEC Foundation, after launching an open call for research or teaching projects, selected two winning propositions and will contribute to their financing.

- "The Dramatic Impact of Hidden Dependence in Big Data, a project proposed by Guillaume Chevillon, Professor, Information Systems, Decision Sciences and Statistics Department.

- "Panic, Honesty/Lying, Trust/Mistrust and Their Economic Consequences," an experimental economics research program proposed by Radu Vranceanu, Professor, Economics Department.
“Through their research, teaching and participation in public debate, the professors at ESSEC help companies, organizations and society as a whole anticipate the economic, managerial, social, environmental or ethical challenges of the future. These awards are therefore intended to recognize their outstanding achievements in both teaching and research as well as their commitment to bettering society and the economy.” remarked Vincenzo Vinzi, Dean of Faculty.

The ESSEC Foundation Awards ceremony was also an opportunity to acknowledge the high scholarship of the MSc in Management students included on the 2015 Dean's List.