



ISEC Awards Rules 2026

ISEC will form a Judges' Committee comprising all board members and up to the same number of Expert judges invited by the ISEC board.

The board of ISEC will appoint a Chief Judge.

For some decisions the Chief Judge may appoint a smaller executive committee drawn from the Judges Committee including a Deputy.

The decisions of the Judges' Committee will be final in relation to all decisions regarding awards.

Where there is a tie the Chief Judge's decision will be final.

The Judges' Committee will invite nominations from any member of ISEC.

Nominations for awards can be made by any member of ISEC.

For the purposes of multi-author publications and eligibility for some awards such as Early Career Research, Practitioner etc the candidate must either be the lead author or corresponding author.

Eligible nominators can only make one nomination per award.

After the deadline for nominations has closed the Chief Judge, President and other members of the Judges Executive Committee appointed by the Chief Judge will remove ineligible nominations, any nominations deemed to be of inadequate quality and nominations which could damage the society's reputation.

All remaining nominations will be then put to the vote of the Judges Committee where they can vote for up to five nominations to go forward to a vote by members.

In each category the five highest ranking nominations will go forward to a full vote of ISEC members. Where there is a tie the Chief Judge will decide. Where there are less than 5 all will go forward.

Each member will have one vote for each category.

The award winner will be the nomination which receives the highest number of votes. Where there is a tie the Chief Judge will vote on the winner.

The Chief Judge will determine all dates relating to the awards including the dates for eligibility to vote and nominate.

Where there are decisions relating to a possible award to a judge they will recuse themselves from that decision, but they may self-nominate and vote as a member (but not in the Judges Committee).

ISEC will seek sponsors for each award and prize money maybe allocated to each award at discretion of ISEC board.

The nomination form will seek the title of the publication in APA format, a link to the publication, name of nominee and brief statement of support for the nomination.

The following awards will be made using this procedure:

Best PhD (The PhD must have been awarded in the year of consideration)

Best paper by an academic (a person employed by an academic institution) (published in recognised academic journal or edited collection)

Best paper by a practitioner a (person not employed by an academic institution working in a role related to economic crime)

Best book

Best paper by an Early Career Researcher (someone within eight years of their PhD award (or equivalent) OR six years of their first full-time or part-time academic appointment listing research or teaching as the primary function).

Best Paper in the Journal of Economic Criminology (a paper first published in year of consideration in this journal)

For the following awards nominations can be made by any member, but the Judge's Committee will determine the winner:

Lifetime Achievement Award

Best publisher of economic criminology works

Best initiative to promote academic research in economic criminology

Timeline for 2026 awards

All awards will relate to publications and activities in 2025

Open nominations in Feb 2026 (Also publicise need for sponsors)

Close nominations April 2006

Judges shortlisting May 2026

Voting opens June 2026

Hustings session around CECC conference June 2026

Voting closes August 2026

Winners announced ISEC conference September 2026

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