



Jaap Spronk Memorial Award

Bridging the gap Between Theory and Practice in Finance and Financial Management

2025

We are proud to announce the Jaap Spronk Memorial Award, a prestigious recognition honoring outstanding contributions that successfully bridge the gap between academic theory and practical application in the fields of finance and financial management. This award celebrates work that not only advances theoretical insight but also demonstrates tangible impact in practice, both nationally and internationally.

About the Award

Professor Jaap Spronk was a visionary in the field of finance, renowned for his relentless pursuit of excellence in both theoretical research and its practical applications. His work inspired generations of academics and professionals around the world. The Jaap Spronk Memorial Award continues his legacy by recognizing innovative research that makes a tangible difference in the financial industry.

Award Criteria

We welcome nominations and submissions that demonstrate:

- Innovative Research: Original studies offering new insights into financial theory and its practical relevance.
- Practical Solutions: Applications of academic research that address real-world financial challenges.
- Impactful Contributions: Work that has meaningfully influenced financial management practices, at national or international level.

Who Can Apply?

- Young scholars in finance and related fields (applicants must be under 35 years old).
- Collaborative teams involving both academics and practitioners.

Submission Guidelines

To apply or nominate someone for the award, please submit a full research paper to rita.decclesia@uniroma1.it with the subject line: "Jaap Spronk Memorial Award Submission".

For inquiries, contact Prof. Rita Laura D'Ecclesia.

Important Dates

- January 1st, 2025 – Submission window opens
- April 30th, 2025 – Submission deadline (full papers only)
- May 24th, 2025 – Award presented during the 71th EWGCFM Meeting in Rabat.

Award Ceremony

The winner(s) of the Jaap Spronk Memorial Award will be honored by Yvonne Spronk, Jaap's wife, at a special ceremony during the 71st EWGCFM Meeting in Rabat, May 2025. The event will include a keynote lecture on bridging theory and practice in finance, as well as presentations by the award recipients.

The award, carrying a €500 prize, will be granted twice a year for five years starting from October 2024.

Join Us in Honoring Jaap Spronk's Legacy

We invite academics, researchers, and finance professionals to take part in this award. By participating, you contribute to the essential dialogue between theory and practice—fostering innovation that drives progress in financial thought and real-world impact.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.ewgfm.eu>

Let's continue to inspire—and be inspired—by the legacy of Jaap Spronk.