



Competition - Young Economists in Action 2026 - 2nd Edition



Express your talent and take up the challenge!

📢 The Faculty of Economics of Saint-Joseph University of Beirut (FSE) is pleased to announce the second edition of its annual competition "**Young Economists in Action**" open to French and English-speaking schools in Lebanon.

🏆 Why Participate ? 🏆

This competition invites students in their **11th and 12th grade** to dive into the world of economics 🌐. It is a unique opportunity to discover this dynamic field and the many careers it has to offer.

Participants will have the opportunity to think critically about current economic issues and propose innovative solutions for economic policy or other relevant actions 💡.

📦 Challenge 2026 📦

For the 2026 edition, the FSE invites participants to reflect on the following question:

IA and Labor market: Threats or Opportunities ?

✍️ How to participate? ✍️

📌 Interested schools must submit their proposals by **January 9, 2026**. A Jury composed of professors will evaluate the projects according to specific criteria (*see selection criteria below*) and will announce the selected finalists on **January 23, 2026**.

👏 The finalists will be invited to present their projects at the "Young Economists in Action 2025" final to be held at the Faculty of Economics on **February 6, 2026**.

👤👤👤 A Jury of renowned economists and experts will evaluate the participants' oral presentations in order to designate the winners 🏆.

🏆 Prices and benefits 🏆

🌟 1st Prize: 🏆 600 USD

🌟 2nd Prize: 🏆 300 USD

🌟 3rd Prize: 🏆 150 USD

🌟 The other finalists: Official congratulations from the Jury!

In addition to the awards, the YEA-2026 winners will benefit from many privileges such as the possibility of publishing their projects on our channels, as well as the opportunity to involve them in the life of the Faculty, through shadowing observation internships or any activities on campus 🔍.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation 📄.

Conditions of participation

The competition is open to **all high school students in 11th and 12th grades**, regardless of their specialty. Projects can be written in English or French. Students can present individually, in pairs, or in groups of up to three people.

 Each school can submit multiple projects to increase their chances of being among the finalists.

Format

The project must be submitted in Word format and be 5 pages long.

Selection criteria

Projects will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- ✓ Originality of the problem addressed;
- ✓ Relevance of the arguments;
- ✓ Analytical skills and critical thinking;
- ✓ Relevance of suggested solutions and policies;
- ✓ Clarity and consistency of writing.

 In addition, for the finalist projects, there is an evaluation of their oral presentation taking into account clarity, fluidity, power of persuasion and the use of digital media.

Attention

All projects submitted must be original work; any plagiarism or use of artificial intelligence to generate content will be disqualifying.

Important dates

- **January 9, 2026:**  Deadline to submit projects
- **January 23, 2026:**  Announcement of preselected projects
- **February 6, 2026:**  "Young Economists in Action" Final at the Faculty of Economics - USJ in the Science and Innovation Campus.

Contacts

Projects should be sent to the link: <https://forms.gle/6CLE5aAqZW6dx2EVA>

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 Join us to explore economics in an engaging and enriching way!