

## Call for research projects

IREF is a free-market-oriented think tank that promotes ideas, events, and academic research (<https://en.irefeurope.org/>).

This call invites original, academically rigorous research projects on the theme: “**Central Banking and Public Debt**.” Since we intend to encourage original research projects, we are not interested in papers already published or “work in progress”.

The author(s) of the winning project will receive funding of up to €15,000. An additional €5,000 will be awarded if the resulting paper (or a revised version) is published in a peer-reviewed academic journal with an impact factor of at least 1.5.

Although IREF’s mission focuses on economic issues, an interdisciplinary approach is also welcome.

Proposals should be sent to Prof. Enrico Colombatto ([enrico\\_colombatto@hotmail.com](mailto:enrico_colombatto@hotmail.com)) by **November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Proposals should include

- Author(s)’ names, qualifications and institutional affiliations
- An outline of the research project (at least 500 words)
- If applicable, details of other funding sources for the project (past, current, or planned). Please note that, unless informed in advance, IREF will not fund projects supported by third parties.

The final paper should be delivered within approximately 15 months after the agreement is signed by both parties. More details will be provided in the formal research agreement once the proposal is approved.

Please contact Professor Enrico Colombatto for further information.