

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR SPORTS HISTORY

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CESH EARLY CAREER SCHOLAR AWARD

Competition rules – **Call for papers (2026)**

Presentation of award competition

On the occasion of its international congresses the [European Committee for the History of Sport \(CESH\)](#) announces an award competition for early career researchers. The aim of the award is to facilitate the integration of outstanding graduate students and early career researchers into the European community of sports and physical education history scholars. The award will be granted to a scholarly paper, single authored by an early career researcher, which is deemed by a panel of judges to be of high quality.

General organisation of competition

CESH is responsible for setting up an Award Scientific Committee for each call, whose members will review the submitted papers. This committee will consist of five to seven CESH members of which at least three CESH Fellows and two members of the Directing Council of CESH. The President of CESH is responsible for setting up the Award Scientific Committee, which must be approved by the Directing Council of CESH and by the President of the Fellows of CESH. The General Secretary of CESH will announce the scientific competition and the submission deadline for the papers well ahead of the CESH congresses.

Eligibility

Candidates must match one of the following criteria:

- Either be registered as a master or doctoral student at the time paper submission;
- or have successfully completed a doctorate no longer than 5 years prior to the paper submission deadline.

Please note that:

- Authors submitting a paper for the CESH Early Career Scholar Award competition must attend and present their paper during the CESH congress;
- Therefore, candidates must also be a CESH member for the year in which they compete;
- The applicant must not have received a CESH prize before;
- Authors will present an official document to prove their student status or a legal document indicating the award date of their doctorate.

Paper requirements

- The Committee will accept only one submission per author;
- Papers must be single-authored;
- Candidates will submit a scholarly paper on a topic that is of interest to the academic sports history community in Europe;
- Papers should not exceed 8,000 words (references included);
- Papers must be original, i.e. not already submitted elsewhere in any form;
- Papers must follow the guidelines of the CESH journal *European Studies in Sports History* (see http://www.cesh-site.eu/?page_id=30);
- Papers may be written in any European language.

Awards

- The winner will be announced during the congress dinner;
- The winner will receive an award during the congress dinner and a prize whose amount (in Euros) will be indicated in the competition call;
- The winner will be invited to submit his/her paper for publication in CESH's scientific journal *European Studies for Sports History*;
- The winner will be granted free membership to CESH for the year after which he/she won the Early Career Scholar Award;
- The Awards Scientific Committee may also give up to two honourable mentions;
- The Awards Scientific Committee might decide to give no award if the submitted papers are not of satisfying quality;
- The name of all winning authors will be posted on the CESH website.

Indications for the 2026 award competition

Competitors to the CESH Early Career Scholar Award must comply with the competition rules. Please read them carefully.

The money prize for the 2025 competition is 250 Euros & free CESH membership for 2027.

- **Deadline for paper submission is 1 June 2026 (midnight GMT). This is a strict deadline;**
- **Papers should be sent by email to CESH President Dr Juan Antonio Simón (juanantonio.simon@upm.es) and CESH Fellows President Dr Daniele Serapiglia (danserap@ucm.es).**
- **Candidates should send they proof of status at the same time as their paper.**