

CORE Doing Economics Data Competition 2020 Terms and conditions

General

The Promoter of the competition is CORE Economics Education ('we' or the 'CORE'), 167 Divinity Road, Oxford, OX4 1LP, UK; a charity registered in England and Wales (number 1175143).

Conditions of entry

The competition is open to students enrolled in any undergraduate degree program in any country ('entrants'). Each student or team of students can submit either an Excel entry or an R entry, but not both; and a student cannot submit both an individual and a team entry. Teams are limited to a maximum of 4 students, who can be enrolled in different universities.

Entries must be submitted by 11:59 pm UK time on Sunday, 20th September 2020. Entries received after this date cannot be considered. A complete entry consists of:

1. A written report (in PDF format) of maximum 10 single-spaced pages in 12pt Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins (the page count includes all figures, tables, and appendices, but does not include references or a bibliography). The report must be on one of the following topics: (i) climate change, (ii) inequality, (iii) COVID-19;
2. All data files used to produce the results in the report (for Excel entries, entrants should provide a single Excel file containing the original data and their results, with each chart, figure, or table in a separate tab; for R entries, entrants should provide a single .r file containing the code needed to generate all the reported results from the original datafiles);
3. A signed and completed CORE Doing Economics Data Competition 2020 entry form.

Entries should be submitted as a single .zip file, sent from an institutional email address (i.e. an email address assigned to the student by his/her university), to contact@core-econ.org with 'Doing Economics Data Competition' as the email subject. A receipt confirmation email will be sent, which serves as final evidence of a successful submission.

Entries should be written in the English language.

No purchase is required for entry. No responsibility for late, incomplete, corrupt or lost entries will be accepted.

By entering the competition, entrants agree to these terms and conditions. Failure to comply with these terms and conditions may result in disqualification.

Judging criteria

All entries will be assessed according to the following criteria (weights given in brackets):

- Policy problem (20%) – originality, clarity, focus, whether it can be answered with the data chosen and within the given page limit.
- Content (50%) – appropriateness and quality of analysis and policy recommendations, discussion of data limitations (where relevant), concise communication and accurate interpretation of results to a non-specialist audience. Entrants should refrain from excessive or inappropriate use of economics jargon.
- Presentation of results (30%) – the clarity, impact and visual appeal of figures and/or tables, creativity in presentation, and how well the overall report looks and fits together.

For entries exceeding 10 pages, only the first 10 pages will be considered. Entries can combine data, charts/figures/tables, and analysis, and the language used should be suitable for a non-specialist audience.

Entries will be judged by a panel selected by the CORE team. In case of a large number of submissions, a shortlisting panel composed of representatives from CORE will shortlist entries, which will then be evaluated by the judging panel in the final round.

The judging panel's decisions are final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into.

Prizes

There will be two categories in the competition, one for R and one for Excel.

The prizes will be awarded to the top two entries in each category (2 prizes for Excel, 2 prizes for R), as judged by the CORE judging panel:

1st place = £500 (Amazon Voucher)

Runner-up = £250 (Amazon Voucher)

Prizes are non-transferable.

For team entries, the stated prize will be divided equally between all team members.

Winning entries will also be displayed on the CORE website. Very high-quality entries may be turned into teaching material for *Doing Economics*.

Winners will be notified by email and an announcement will be published on the CORE website by 16th October 2020.

Entrant's responsibilities

Entrants are required to produce original content rather than repackage other people's work. Throughout the work, if someone else's ideas, concepts, or materials are used, entrants must reference them clearly (using a commonly-used referencing system such as MLA or APA) and avoid plagiarism.

Entrants warrant that their entries are not offensive, defamatory or otherwise unlawful, and do not infringe the intellectual property rights or any other rights of a third party.

Entrants are responsible for ensuring they have full ownership of the intellectual property rights that exist in respect of their submission. The CORE team is not responsible for obtaining or verifying any intellectual property rights relating to any competition entry. For team entries, entrants are responsible for determining (to the extent provided by law) how ownership of any intellectual property rights in the entry will be apportioned.

Entries should be the student's (or students', for team submissions) independent and original work. The CORE team will use Turnitin to verify that competition entries are original. Entries that are found to be plagiarised will be disqualified.

Copyright

Entrants consent to assign all rights, title and interest in and to their entries to the promoter and that CORE shall have all rights to copy, edit, publish and use entries, in whole or in part, in any way they see fit, including for publishing, at CORE's sole discretion, on the CORE website www.core-econ.org, without compensation to the entrants. Rights to edit copy where the promoter deems necessary is reserved although entrants will be fully credited.

We confirm that you shall be able to use the work you entered into the competition for your own commercial or non-commercial purposes. Such use would be on a non-exclusive basis to ensure CORE is able to deal with the material in the manner envisaged above.

Data collection and privacy

When you enter this competition, you agree for CORE to collect the following personal data: your name, name of the university you are enrolled in, and the university email address used to submit the entry. These details will only be kept for the duration of the competition and then deleted.

We collect this personal data to assess your eligibility for the competition, to administer the competition and to publicise winning entries.

If you do not provide this information, we will unfortunately be unable to accept your submission.

We will not share, sell or otherwise transfer personal data to any third parties or use it for any other purpose not described in these terms and conditions. The contents of the winning entries might be given to trusted third parties for the purposes of displaying the winners of the Data Competition and for advertising and promoting future competitions. The judging panel will have access to the title of your entry only.

Safeguarding your personal data is important to us and we will protect it accordingly. We will ensure that all personal data you supply is held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Your rights

You have the right to request copies of the data held about you by CORE and the right to request this data to be withdrawn and erased. To do so, please contact us at contact@core-econ.org.

You have the right to withdraw consent to your data to be used by CORE. To do so, please contact us at contact@core-econ.org.

You have the right to complain to the [Information Commissioner's Office](#) (ICO) if you think there is a problem with the way CORE is holding your data.

Other

CORE may, at its absolute discretion, cancel, suspend, or vary the competition.

These terms and conditions and the competition will be governed by English law and any disputes arising shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

Exclusion of liability: CORE is not responsible for (i) any incorrect or inaccurate information used in connection with the competition; or (ii) failures or errors which may occur in the administration of the competition. To the fullest extent permitted by law, CORE excludes liability and entrants agree to release and hold harmless CORE for any damage, loss, liability or injury to person or property or for any claim arising as a result of producing your video and your entry into the competition.

The competition is void where not permitted by local law. We cannot provide the prizes where we are prohibited from doing so.