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Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in Trade & Environment Call for papers Round 2, 2025

Funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, The Jean Monnet [Centre of Excellence in Trade & Environment](#) (CoE T&E) is offering a grant, awarded on a competitive basis, for research papers exploring the linkages between trade and environment.

Grantees will receive a payment of up to AUD 7,500. The winning papers will be officially announced through the Institute for International Trade's (IIT) dissemination channels and posted to the COE's website.

Themes and topics

The main theme for this round is the rapidly evolving international context shaped by **revised US trade policies under President Trump, intensifying competition for critical minerals, and the growing influence of the "green premium" on low-carbon and sustainably produced goods**. This broad theme spans multiple disciplines—from international political economy, economics, and law, to business. Contributions from a variety of fields are welcome.

Potential topics include:

- Impacts of New US Trade Policies on Environmental Objectives
 - How do tariffs, export controls, or renegotiated agreements under the Trump Administration influence green industries and technologies?
 - What are the broader implications for global climate collaboration and investment in clean energy?
- Race for Critical Minerals
 - Strategic competition over minerals essential for electric vehicles, renewable energy, and other green technologies.
 - Potential regulatory and environmental challenges for resource-rich countries aiming to supply global demand.
- The "Green Premium"
 - Price differentials for low-emission or sustainably sourced goods, and their influence on global trade patterns.
 - How businesses and policymakers can mitigate equity concerns while advancing decarbonization.

Related to these developments, many governments—including Australia—are exploring or expanding **market-based** mechanisms to curb emissions, enhance efficiency, and address carbon leakage.

Potential related topics include:

- Design and Effectiveness of Carbon Markets
 - Lessons learned from existing carbon trading systems and their adaptability to new US trade policy dynamics.
 - Best practices for ensuring transparency, liquidity, and equitable participation in emerging markets.
- Interaction Between Carbon Pricing and Other Instruments
 - How carbon markets interface with Border Carbon Adjustments (BCAs), subsidies for clean energy, or sector-specific regulations.
 - Potential for harmonization or conflict among different policy tools across jurisdictions.



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- Regional and Global Cooperation
 - Opportunities for linking carbon market frameworks internationally, balancing competitiveness, and fostering green innovation.
 - Challenges in aligning divergent environmental and trade policy objectives.

If you think you have an interesting topic that doesn't quite fit with the guidance above and wish to seek clarity, please email Professor Peter Draper: peter.draper@adelaide.edu.au

Submissions

Email submissions to sarah.warner@adelaide.edu.au

Proposals, not exceeding 800 words and containing a brief abstract, should adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The proposal should be a separate attachment in PDF format.
2. Separate CV(s) of the proposed author(s) must be provided and include (i) current affiliation(s), (ii) where relevant the academic institution awarding the PhD, (iii) where relevant the year (or the expected year) of the PhD.
3. A separate supporting letter from a supervisor or senior colleague must be provided.

Key Dates

- Proposal submission: Close of business (cob) 21 March 2025
- Paper selection and notification of awards: 28 March 2025
- Finalisation of awardee contracts: 11 April 2025
- First drafts due: 18 July 2025
- Comments received: 15 August 2025
- Final drafts due: 10 October 2025
- Papers published on IIT website: 24 October 2025

These milestones ensure that the submission date for final papers remains before the end of October, providing approximately six months for authors to complete the research.

Awardee Selection Process

Proposals are first screened for basic compliance and eligibility. Those meeting the requirements proceed to expert review, where they are assessed for relevance, originality, and potential impact. A selection committee then evaluates the reviews and announces the successful submissions on 28 March 2025. Awardees confirm their acceptance by 11 April 2025, at which point formal contracts are finalized.



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Information for applicants

In the case of a co-authored paper, the grant will be equally divided among the authors. Only the author(s) of short-listed essays will be notified.

Essays cannot exceed 10,000 words and must follow the IIT's style guide, which will be provided to successful applicants.

Papers submitted must not yet be published elsewhere (for example, in a book or journal, including an online journal, or a working papers series), nor yet submitted for publication.

Grantees will receive a certificate and commendation to the effect that they are a winner of the award. Noting this award when the paper is published in any subsequent format will be required. Grantees may also be invited to present their work at CoE events, either in-person or online.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to withhold the awards should the papers not meet potential PhD equivalent academic quality requirements and/or address the CoE topics, as set out above.

Eligibility

PhD and PhD-equivalent Students, Young Professionals, and Early Career Researchers.

The author(s) of the paper should possess or be engaged in the process of gaining a PhD or PhD-equivalent degree, be a young professional or a researcher at an early stage of their career. Applicants will be asked to provide a statement from their supervisor or a senior colleague to establish that this condition is met.

In the case of co-authored papers, this requirement shall apply to at least one author.

Publication

The winning papers will be published as CoE Working Papers, within the broader Institute for International Trade [Working Papers](#) series and the CoE's website.

Author(s) will endeavour to secure additional publication of the contribution in a journal, book or some other recognised academic outlet.

It is a requirement that all research outputs resulting from the Research Grant are disseminated and must acknowledge to the public, press and media the funding support from the Erasmus + Program of the European Union. All research outputs must incorporate the logo that will be provided to you.

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About the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in Trade and Environment

Funded under the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in Trade & Environment gathers leading academics from across The University of Adelaide with expertise in European Studies, including international trade, environment, business, entrepreneurship,



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and international relations to create a focal point of competence and knowledge on the European Union in the context of trade and environment.

This innovative centre leverages existing expertise, activities, and networks across the institution to conduct cutting-edge research that seeks to understand and inform the development of environmentally friendly trade and investment policy across the European Union and Asia Pacific.

The Centre's trans-disciplinary approach enables coverage of a wide variety of regulatory issues related to trade and environment and development of research resources and capabilities with broad relevance and application across the institution and beyond campus. Specific objectives include:

- Promoting research excellence in the field of EU studies
- Fostering dialogue between the academic world and society
- Generating knowledge and insights in support of EU policymaking and strengthening the role of the EU within a globalised world
- Reaching out to a wider public and spreading knowledge about the EU to wider society through the implementation of a suite of coherent and strategic research and outreach activities