PanAgora Quantitative Research Institute
2026 Dr. Richard A. Crowell Memorial Prize — Call for Papers

The PanAgora Quantitative Research Institute is pleased to announce the **2026 Dr. Richard A. Crowell Memorial Prize**, a long-standing research competition named in honor of PanAgora's founder, the late Dr. Richard A. Crowell. The Prize recognizes outstanding research that advances the field of quantitative investment and fosters continued dialogue between academia and industry.

The competition is open to **researchers and practitioners at all career stages**. We welcome both **working papers and recently published research** that offers original insights, rigorous analysis, and meaningful implications for quantitative investment.

Awards and Research Seminar

A **first prize of $5,000**, **second prize of $3,000**, and **third prize of $2,000** will be awarded to the top submissions.

Up to **10 finalists** will also be invited to present their research at PanAgora Asset Management in **Boston** as part of the PanAgora Quantitative Research Institute seminar series. PanAgora Asset Management will cover reasonable travel expenses associated with finalist seminar presentations.

Areas of Interest

We welcome submissions across the broad field of quantitative investment research. Topics of particular interest include, but are not limited to:

- **AI and agentic research in investment management**, including applications of large language models, alternative data, and autonomous research systems
- **Systematic equity investing, stock selection, asset pricing, and factor models**
- **Strategic and tactical asset allocation and global macro research**
- **Applied financial econometrics and machine learning**
- **Risk modeling and portfolio optimization**
- **Transaction cost modeling and trade implementation**

We particularly encourage research that combines methodological innovation with practical relevance to investment decision-making.

Selection Process

Submissions will be evaluated by a Reading Committee composed of members of PanAgora's Quantitative Research Group. Papers will be assessed based on **originality, analytical rigor, quality of exposition, and relevance to quantitative investment research**.

Submission Information

Submissions and inquiries should be sent to **seminar@panagora.com**.

Submission deadline: November 1, 2026