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Terms and Conditions of entry for the Rybczynski Prize.

1. The Rybczynski Prize will be £5000, awarded to the author whose entry is judged the best by the Council.
2. Eligibility for entry: All SPE members are entitled to submit. Non-member economists from the UK and Europe are also entitled to enter.
3. The judges will be looking for high quality writing on an important real-world economic issue which merits wide attention among professional economists. The style of the piece should make it accessible and interesting to an economically literate business audience.
4. The Prize will be decided by the SPE Council with assistance from specialist readers where appropriate. The Council's decision is final. The Council has the right not to award a prize if it judges that no entry is of adequate standard.
5. The winner of the Rybczynski Prize will be published, or republished with accreditation to the original publisher, on the SPE website. A synopsis maybe published in the SPE Newsletter. The SPE reserves the right to reproduce the short-listed entries at its discretion.
6. The Prize will be awarded at the 2026 SPE Annual Dinner on 22 September. The author(s) of the final shortlisted entries will be invited to the dinner as guests of the SPE.
7. Entries must be in English and in typed or printed form. They should not include any branding that will indicate where they originate from. The Judges mark all essays 'blind'.
8. The preferred length is 3000 words with a maximum length of 4000 words. Charts and tables are welcome but extensive use of algebra or footnotes is discouraged.
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 - AI tools may be used for purposes of improving grammar, spellchecking and readability, and for researching the topic.
 - But the submitted essay must be original work – AI-generated text cannot be included in your submission.
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12. Only one entry per author is accepted. The winner of last year's Prize will not be eligible this year (but will be in future years).
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The SPE will issue a receipt for each entry. This alone will be taken as proof of entry.
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