

Call for Nominations: 2026 Erlang Prize

Deadline: June 1, 2026

The Applied Probability Society of INFORMS (APS) is currently soliciting nominations for the 2026 award of the biennial Erlang Prize. The Erlang Prize is awarded to an early career researcher who has made a significant contribution to applied probability. A candidate who received their first PhD or an equivalent degree anytime in year 2017 or later is eligible.

The previous winners (in alphabetical order of last name) are: Sid Banerjee, Dimitris Bertsimas, Jose Blanchet, Xiuli Chao, Jim Dai, Ton Dieker, David Gamarnik, Paul Glasserman, Ramon van Handel, Jevgenijs Ivanovs, Steven Kou, Johan van Leeuwen, Sarah Penington, Balaji Prabhakar, Kavita Ramanan, Josh Reed, Daniel Russo, Devavrat Shah, Mykhaylo Shkolnikov, David Tse, Neil Walton, Larry Wein, and Bert Zwart.

The prize consists of a plaque and a \$1000 check. The prize will be awarded at the 2026 INFORMS annual meeting in San Francisco, California. This year's Prize Selection Committee consists of Mariana Olvera-Cravioto (chair), Devavrat Shah and Neil Walton.

The rules that govern the prize can be found at the following link:

<http://connect.informs.org/aps/apsawards/erlang>

Nominations should be sent by e-mail to the chair of the committee at molvera@email.unc.edu by June 1, 2026 with the subject heading "Erlang Prize nomination". Nominations may be made by anyone, including the nominee. Nominations consist of a description of the significance of the nominee's work and supporting documents (including a suggested two to four letters).

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