

Allianz Climate Risk Award 2026



1. What is different in 2026 and what is the structure of the Allianz climate risk awards?

Since its inception in 2017, the Allianz Climate Risk Award has continuously evolved to reflect the growing complexity and global relevance of climate risk. In 2025, we expanded the program with the introduction of thematic focus sponsored by Allianz Trade, recognizing research on climate impacts on global trade and supply chains, e.g. improved predictions of extreme weather events on trade routes, overall resilience of trade networks as well as climate-related disruptions or interdisciplinary collaboration between climate science and trade economics. In 2026, this evolution continues with the launch of the regional extension on Asia. The Asia focus award targets climate risk research with strong applicability to Asian economies and countries.

2. What does “all costs are covered” mean?

Each Allianz entity will cover their respective top finalists’ transportation and accommodation costs. For the global event, Allianz Re and Allianz Trade for its respective participants will cover a flight/train (depending on origin of destination) to and from Munich (arrival: one day before the event, departure: afternoon/evening on the same day of the event), transportation, hotel, one dinner and one lunch. For the focus award Asia, Allianz Asia Pacific will cover flight costs to and from Singapore, transportation and hotel costs as well as travel costs to and from Munich including the stay for 2 nights in Munich.

3. What does “researchers who have recently finished their research project are invited to apply” mean?

The Allianz Climate Risk Award is open to current PhD students and to postdoctoral researchers who have defended their PhD within the past two years. Candidates who completed their PhD defense within this timeframe, regardless of their current position, are also welcome to apply.

4. I have several research projects in the context of climate risk. Can I send several applications?

Please focus on one research project & award track (global/ Trade/ Asia). The same author/applicant can apply only once. Send us your best research. Your choice can be marked on the Application Form. If you are uncertain about which award category best suits your research, you are welcome to apply for more than one. We then reserve the right to re-assign your application to the award category that we deem the best fit.

5. I wrote my research paper together with a colleague/s, can I still apply?

In case of a group research project, the project lead or main author can apply as an individual applicant. The rationale is that, should the submitted research be published as a scientific article, the applicant would be listed as the main author. Therefore, if the research project ends up being a finalist, the monetary award and travel expenses will be awarded to the individual applicant only.

6. If I am one of the finalists and I am invited to come to Munich, can I stay there a couple more days?

You are welcome to stay longer in Munich to see the city. However, Allianz will only reimburse costs related to the one-day event in Munich as stated in question number 2.

7. Will Allianz help me with visa requirements, in case it is needed?

The inviting Allianz entity can provide the finalists with an official invitation letter that can be given to the relevant authorities. However, Allianz is not responsible for supporting any other visa requirements or appointments.

8. Does the Allianz Climate Risk Award only focus on Europe?

No, the Allianz Climate Risk Award has a global reach. It does not matter where you are located in the world – what matters is the quality of your research project.

9. Is the Allianz Climate Risk Award also targeted to companies or institutions?

No, the Allianz Climate Risk Award is targeted to independent researchers only.

10. Will Allianz use my research for their own purposes?

Each Allianz entity (depending on the track chosen) shall use the research only for publication and advertisement purposes of the Climate Risk Award, for example in communication channels such as infographics on social media or an interview with the author on Allianz' own websites. For further information, please see the Terms & Conditions.

11. If my research is selected to be published in the compendium, can I still publish it in a scientific journal?

The Allianz Climate Risk Award does not conflict with your right to publish your research in a scientific journal. You retain full rights to publish your work in a peer-reviewed journal.

12. For the non-technical essay, can it include figures? Do figure captions and bibliography contribute to the word count?

You are welcome to use up to three figures if they help explain the concepts better. The word limit only includes the main text of the essay.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding your application, please send an email to: climaterisk-award@allianz.com