



David A. Baldwin Fund

Practitioner-Evaluator and participation-support route, 2026-27

The Helsinki Geoeconomics Society has established the David A. Baldwin Fund as the route through which it may select Practitioner-Evaluators and support eligible in-person participation connected with Helsinki Geoeconomics School formation.

For the inaugural Winter Academy, no prior in-person invitation is required in order to apply or be considered. A Winter-linked Fund award carries an invitation to join the School's instructional centre in Singapore once the recipient has been admitted to and enrolled in the Academy and the award's stated conditions have been met.

The Fund remains separate from admission to the School. The School decides educational fit, admission, formation, completion and whether the recipient can be accommodated in the instructional centre. The Society separately selects Practitioner-Evaluators and makes Fund decisions. For a Winter-linked award, those decisions are reconciled before a coordinated written offer is issued; the recipient does not face a later discretionary invitation gate.

The David A. Baldwin Fund is distinct from the David A. Baldwin Prize in Geoeconomics. The Fund concerns eligible participation support. The Prize recognises scholarly work through a separate Society process.

Why Practitioner-Evaluators?

The School is intended to make geoeconomic reasoning teachable, reciprocal, testable and transferable. The Society does not believe that the usefulness of the School's teaching and working methods should be judged by the School alone.

The Practitioner-Evaluator route is therefore for professionals prepared to bring a genuine recurring problem from their own work, test what the School teaches against that problem through active participation and give the Society a candid account of where the formation assists and where it does not.

The purpose is evaluation, not endorsement. Selection does not create:

- a consultancy;
- a curriculum-development appointment;
- a faculty role;
- Society membership;
- a Task Force role; or
- a publication commitment.

What the evaluator undertakes

Where Fund support is confirmed, the Practitioner-Evaluator agrees to:

1. identify a genuine recurring professional problem and the audience to whom the resulting judgment must be carried;
2. undertake the supported School formation in good faith;
3. test the School's teaching and working methods against that problem;
4. submit a confidential practitioner review of **800-1,200 words within 30 days after completing the supported formation**; and
5. take part in **one follow-up conversation of up to 45 minutes**.

The review should identify:

- what proved useful;
- what did not;
- what remained unresolved; and
- how the formation appeared from the evaluator's professional perspective.

The evaluator is not required to:

- endorse the School;
- disclose confidential employer or client information;
- transfer intellectual property in pre-existing work;
- make the review public;
- help design or revise the curriculum; or
- undertake a continuing advisory role.

The School retains responsibility for its curriculum, teaching and completion decisions. The evaluator assesses completed formation and does not become a co-developer of the School.

Fund awards

The Society may make three forms of award:

- **Co-Funding Award:** support for 50 per cent of an eligible on-site participation charge;
- **Full Funding Award:** support for 100 per cent of an eligible on-site participation charge; and
- **Full Funding and Mobility Award:** support for 100 per cent of an eligible on-site participation charge together with confirmed accommodation and mobility support.

The award extends eligible School formation into a specified in-person setting. It is not a reduction of the School's tuition and is not paid as cash.

An award is personal, merit-based, non-transferable and conditionally redeemable. Once it has been granted, accepted and vested through eligible enrolment, it permits the Grantee to request one redemption during the applicable award cycle.

Support becomes definite through a written Award Confirmation for a specified occasion. The confirmation identifies the applicable award level, eligible costs and any accommodation or mobility treatment. The Grantee can then decide whether to take up the in-person opportunity.

The ordinary award cycle runs from **1 July to 30 June**. There is no automatic renewal, rollover or cash alternative.

The Society has not adopted or published a fixed number, range or distribution of Fund awards.

Winter Academy and Singapore

The inaugural Winter Academy is a paid live online School formation delivered from Singapore. A candidate may record interest in the Winter-linked Fund route without first receiving an in-person invitation.

Where the School admits the candidate to the Academy and the Society selects that person as a Practitioner-Evaluator, the coordinated Winter-linked award carries the invitation to join the instructional centre in Singapore. The written Award Confirmation identifies the award level, the associated physical place, the eligible costs and any accommodation or mobility treatment.

Recording interest allows the School and Society to understand genuine demand before undertaking occasion-specific commitments. It is not itself a formal application, admission decision, physical invitation or award.

How to begin

The common first-stage dossier permits a person to record interest in a School route, the David A. Baldwin Fund route and possible in-person Winter Academy participation in Singapore.

If the Society wishes to take the Fund route forward, it will invite the person to complete a separate Society supplement and consent to the School sharing the information required for the Society to consider the Fund route.

The School and Society make separate decisions. A Fund decision remains independent of the School's admission decision.

Begin at:

<https://www.geoeconomics.fi/school/>