



Awards of the Society of Labor Economists
Proposed Revision – January 2026

I. The H. Gregg Lewis Prize for an outstanding article in the *Journal of Labor Economics*.

To be awarded biennially in even-numbered years for the best paper in the Journal in the two preceding calendar years by a nominating committee appointed by the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal. Normally, the most recent recipient of the award shall be included in the nominating committee.

II. The Sherwin Rosen Prize for Outstanding Contributions in the Field of Labor Economics

To be awarded annually, if a suitable nominee is found. The cited works for which the award is given must have been completed within twelve (12) years of the recipient's first full-time employment after completion of graduate studies. Timing is loosely defined and may be interpreted by the Nomination Committee. Although there is no specific requirement, in most cases some or all of the cited works will have appeared in the Society's journal, the *Journal of Labor Economics*.

III. The Jacob Mincer Award for Lifetime Contributions to the Field of Labor Economics

To be awarded annually, if a suitable nominee is found, by a committee appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board.

Prizes II and III will share a committee consisting of four individuals: the most recent recipient of each prize, and two additional members selected by the president subject to the approval of the vice president and president-elect. The two additional members will serve staggered two-year terms. Should either or both of the most recent recipients decline to serve or be unavailable to serve, the president may appoint an additional member to replace them for the remainder of their term, again subject to the approval of the vice president and president elect.

IV. The SOLE Prize for Contributions to Data and Measurement

Recognizing the importance of data and measurement to the understanding of the labor market, the Society of Labor Economists will award a prize for exemplary contributions to the development of new data sets, new approaches to measurement or innovations in data collection. The prize may be awarded either to an individual or to a group. The winner or winners will be recognized at the annual meeting of the Society in the year in which the prize is awarded. To be awarded biennially in odd-numbered years, if a suitable nominee or nominees are found.

V. The Edward P. Lazear Prize for Contributions to Labor Economics Research, the Economics Profession, and Civil Society

To be awarded biennially in even-numbered years, if a suitable nominee is found. The nominee should be an individual who has made significant contributions to our understanding of labor economics, engaged in important service to the profession and has served civil society through activities.

Awards IV and V will share a committee consisting of four individuals: the most recent recipient of each prize, and two additional members selected by the president subject to the approval of the vice president and president-elect. The two additional members will serve staggered two-year terms. Should either or both of the most recent recipients decline to serve or be unavailable to serve, the president may appoint an additional member to replace them for the remainder of their term, again subject to the approval of the vice president and president elect.