

Invitation to SWERMAs Essay competition with theme “Risk management” – 2026

About SWERMA

SWERMA (Swedish Risk Management Association) is an association for those who work with risk management within companies and other organizations. SWERMA has about 460 members who represents international companies, authorities, consultants, auditors, the insurance sector, etc. SWERMA was established 2003 and is a continuation of a previous association that was founded in the 1970s. Corresponding associations exist in other European countries. FERMA (Federation of European Risk Management Organizations) is SWERMA's European umbrella organization. FERMA promotes professional development and serves, among other things, as consultative body on legislative and supervisory issues.

Read more at www.swerma.se and www.ferma.eu.

Essay competition

SWERMA invites students to participate in an essay competition.

Authors of winning essays will receive

- A price from SWERMA and feature in SWERMA's mailing

All essay winners will receive

- Opportunities to connect with companies and organizations within the industry
- Free student membership in SWERMA, with access to networking activities /for one year.

The assessment of the essays is made by a jury appointed by SWERMA, see more below.

Perspective and subject orientation

The essays will deal with risk management in business and society with a focus on companies and organizations (profit / non-profit) and their stakeholders.

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) as part of the overall risk picture may also be a focus area. There are thus extensive opportunities for essays with great variation in theme to participate in the competition.

The essays will deal with issues that have to do with management, decision - making, governance and control, risk assessment, risk perception, but also attitude, structure and culture and communication.

The subject must be one of the following areas;

- Enterprise risk management (ERM)
- Insurance and captive
- Continuity, delivery and interruption management (BCM, SCRM, interdependencies)
- Risk capacity, risk balance and risk appetite
- Crisis management, risk perception and risk communication
- Information security
- Physical security

Admission and assessment criteria

Eligible for admission to the competition are essays at the corresponding C or D level that have been written during the autumn term 2024 or the spring term 2025. The essay must be approved by the university when it is submitted.

The essays are assessed according to subject treatment and content as well as the benefit that the result gives through new knowledge, usability or overview and compilation.

Price sum and distribution

The total prize money is SEK 40,000. The intention is to award three prizes, first, second and third prize with SEK 25,000, 10,000 and 5,000 respectively (any profit tax is paid by the winner).

Given the range of subject matter, it can be challenging to evaluate and rank the essays, as the topics may vary widely while the essays themselves may be of equal quality. Therefore, the total prize amount may be distributed at the jury's discretion.

The winners will also have the opportunity to participate for free in the SWERMA Risk Forum in 23rd of April in 2026.

Submission

The essays must be submitted by e-mail to SWERMA no later than 30 November 2025 via office@swerma.se.

Jury

The essays are judged by a jury of five members appointed by SWERMA's board. The jury's decisions cannot be appealed.

A maximum of four members are appointed by SWERMA's members, chosen from among those with special expertise in the areas that the essays will cover. Other members will be appointed from invited higher education institutions and should have knowledge and experience in assessing essays and dissertations, particularly concerning the subject matter and scientific approach. These members must not have had any prior contact with the submitted essays or their authors.

It is our hope that this invitation will arouse interest and we are grateful for all the help we get to spread this invitation to anyone who may have a commitment within risk management.

To register for the competition, email office@swerma.se and enter the essay writer / s Name, university and contact information and attach the essay.

Sincerely

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