



Press Release

2025 T. Baswell Donaldson Research Competition

The Central Bank of The Bahamas (the Central Bank) is pleased to announce the results of the 2025 T. Baswell Donaldson Research Competition; an initiative promoting excellence in economic and financial-sector research in honor of the late Mr. Timothy Baswell Donaldson, former Central Bank Governor and a champion of national economic development.

A total of twenty-one research submissions were received for the 2025 T. Baswell Donaldson Research Competition, from Bahamian scholars enrolled in local and international tertiary institutions. The process included two levels of assessments by a panel of economic professionals and university professors, culminating in the selection of three finalists. The three finalists advanced for participation in the Research Seminar; which was facilitated by Professors from the University of the West Indies.

Following a rigorous review process, the Central Bank congratulates the following scholars, who have distinguished themselves with the analytical depth, insight and clarity of their research earning them **Honorable Mentions:**

Name	Tertiary Institution	Paper Title	Award
Ms. Aaliya Merizier	University of Liverpool	Human Capital and Economic Growth: Assessing the Role of The Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education on the Bahamian Economy	1 st Honorable Mention
Mr. Theo Dawkins	University of The Bahamas	Bridging Financial Gaps with FinTech: Behavioral Analysis on FinTech Adoption and Inclusion in The Bahamas	2 nd Honorable Mention
Ms. Madison Haines	Cornell University	Economic Growth and Income Inequality in The Bahamas: How Can We Grow Together?	3 rd Honorable Mention



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The Central Bank wishes to commend all of the scholars who took the time and effort to complete and submit the research. We also express appreciation to the adjudicators for their time, expertise and careful evaluation of all submissions. The Central Bank remains committed to fostering research that supports sound decision-making, national dialogue and sustainable economic progress.

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