Fischer Black Award:

The Fischer Black Prize (first given in 2002) is awarded bi-annually for a body of work that best exemplifies the Fischer Black hallmark of developing original research that has impacted the field of finance. The recipient of the Fischer Black Prize is chosen by the end of November of every even year and the prize is awarded at the next AFA annual meeting (in Januaries of odd years). The winner should be either under age 40; or under age 45 and within 10 years of receiving a Ph.D. (or equivalent), if they received their degree after age 30. The 40th (or up to 45th) birthday of the recipient must be after December 31st of the year the selection is made. The amount awarded with this Prize will be determined by the Board of Directors of the AFA upon review of funds available. Currently, it is $50,000.

- The process for selecting the Prize recipient is as follows:
  - An Award Committee (AC) is selected by the Executive Committee (EC) early in the selection year (often at the Annual Meeting in January) and is composed of members with distinguished research records. The EC should consider the diversity of the candidates proposed, both in terms of the current cross-section and the time series. Examples of intellectual diversity include but are not limited to diversity by area of research (asset pricing, corporate finance, etc.); theory vs empirics; applied versus abstract.
  - The AC is comprised of five members, and includes the most recent past President of the AFA as a member. It meets over the ensuing months to prepare a *ranked list of three nominees* for this award.
  - This slate of nominees is presented for consideration to the Directors prior to October 15 of the selection year. The AC prepares a short report that it shares with the Directors at least one week prior to this meeting. The entire AC is invited to attend the relevant portion of this Board meeting.
  - The Board presentation by the Chair of the AC begins with a reminder to all participants of the AFA's conflict of interest policies. Those eligible to vote must recuse themselves from further participation if the nominee is a recent co-author, colleague or dissertation advisee. In order to minimize this possibility, the AC may ask potential members if they foresee such a conflict potentially arising, including the name of the person who is likely to be nominated.
  - The AC then presents its case for the top-ranked candidate. After discussion, participants vote by anonymous ballots "For" or "Against" the AC's slate, with a simple majority of "For" votes leading to the AC's top-ranked nominee being awarded the Prize. *Only those Directors and members of the AC attending this meeting are eligible to vote.*
  - If the majority vote is "Against" the AC's ranked slate of nominees, then the Directors and AC continue their deliberations, and this may require a subsequent joint meeting of the Board and AC.
  - The winner of this election is announced and the award is presented at the next Annual Meeting. Subsequent to the announcement, the list of voters is posted on the AFA website.
  - All deliberations, including the set of candidates considered, is strictly confidential. Deliberations start afresh with each new Prize Committee.

- The EST will administer the FB endowment in a segregated account following an investment policy set by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board. The current investment policy is to place funds in a balanced index fund of domestic stocks and bonds or in long-term TIPS. Expenses directly related to the administration of the FB Prize are borne by the FB investment account.