

Table Award Winners 1996–2020 (affiliation and country pertains to the situation at the time of receipt of the Prize)

Year	Winner(s)	Country	Field of work	Prize citation
<i>Macro importance of new and small firms</i>				
1996	David L. Birch, MIT/Cognetics Inc.	USA	Economics	“For having identified the role of new and small firms for job creation.”
1998	David J. Storey, University of Warwick	UK	Economics/Management	“Responsible for the increased focus in research on unbiased large-scale and high-quality empirical work.”
2001	Zoltan J. Acs, University of Baltimore	USA	Economics	“Empirical analyses of an impressive number of important questions concerning the role of small firms in the economy”... “the role of small firms in innovation.”
	David B. Audretsch, Indiana University	USA	Economics	
2002	Giacomo Beccatini, University of Florence	Italy	Economics	For revitalizing Marshalls’ ideas of the “advantages of geographical agglomeration of specialized small firms”; furthering “our understanding of flexible specialization of co-operating small firms”; “importance of networks.”
	Charles F. Sabel, Columbia University	USA	Political Science, Law	
2004	Paul D. Reynolds, Babson College & London Business School	USA & UK	Sociology	“Has taken entrepreneurship research to new levels, given it new directions and organized several innovative and large-scale empirical investigations into the nature of entrepreneurship and its role in economic development.”
2016	Philippe Aghion	USA	Economics	“For his outstanding analyses of the relationship between, on the one hand, firm-level innovation, entry and exit and, on the other hand, productivity and growth.”
2019	Boyan Jovanovic	USA	Economics	“For pioneering research that advances our understanding of the competitive dynamics between incumbent firms and new ventures, entrepreneurial learning and selection processes, and the importance of entrepreneurship for the economy.”
2020	John Haltiwanger	USA	Economics	“For pioneering research advancing our understanding of job creation and destruction, productivity growth, and the role of small

				business and entrepreneurial firms in economic development.”
<i>Role and aggregate importance of entrepreneurship/the entrepreneurial function</i>				
2003	William J. Baumol, New York University	USA	Economics	“His insistence that the entrepreneur should have a key role in the theory of the firm”; “his studies of the role of institutions for the channeling of entrepreneurship into productive use”; “his early formulation of a competition policy emphasizing the disciplinary effect of dynamic entrepreneurship.”
2006	Israel M. Kirzner, New York University	USA	Economics	“Clarifies the role of the entrepreneur in society and emphasizes that the behavior of a single entrepreneur may be of importance for the renewal and rationalization of markets” ... “the most prominent contemporary advocate of the Austrian School.”
2011	Steven Klepper	USA	Economics	“For his significant contributions to our understanding of the role of new firm entry in innovation and economic growth.”
2013	Maryann Feldman	USA	Economics/Management	“For her contributions to the study of the geography of innovation and the role of entrepreneurial activity in the formation of regional industry clusters.”
2015	Sidney Winter	USA	Economics/Management	“For his deep empirical understanding of Schumpeterian processes of dynamic competition, generation of differential technological opportunities through appropriability conditions and the mechanisms driving dynamic capabilities in firms.”
2017	Hernando de Soto	Peru	Policy	“For developing a new understanding of the institutions that underpin the informal economy as well as the role of property rights and entrepreneurship in converting the informal economy into the formal sector.”
<i>Micro level analyses of entrepreneurship and small businesses</i>				
1997	Arnold C. Cooper, Krannert School of Management, Purdue University	USA	Management	His “pioneering work on technical entrepreneurship, new technology-based firms, and incubator organizations has significantly

				enhanced our understanding of entrepreneurial phenomena.”
1999	Ian C. MacMillan, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania	USA	Management	“Instrumental in introducing an international perspective to entrepreneurship research, exemplified by the international comparative studies on cultural differences in entrepreneurship and small business behavior”; “the integration of two separate research fields: entrepreneurship/ small business research and management/strategy research.”
2000	Howard E. Aldrich, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	USA	Sociology	“Has generated significant insights into the knowledge of formation and evolution of new and small firms.”; “major contributions ... by integrating the most central research questions of the field into a broader sociological research context.”
2005	William B. Gartner, Clemson University	USA	Management	For his research on “new venture creation and entrepreneurial behavior”; he has shown mastery in combining “the best of two research traditions”: US style positivism and hermeneutics.
2007	The Diana Group: Candida G. Brush, Babson College Nancy M. Carter, University of St. Thomas Elizabeth J. Gatewood, Wake Forest University Patricia G. Greene, Babson College Myra M. Hart, Harvard Business School	USA USA USA USA USA	Management Management Management Sociology Management	For their unique effort to pool “their competencies to create a research team examining women’s entrepreneurship. An important contribution lies in the identification of growth oriented women entrepreneurs and issues of access to and usage of resources.”
2008	Bengt Johannisson, Växjö University	Sweden	Management	“The furthering of our understanding of the importance of social networks of the entrepreneur in a regional context. He has also documented and explained how the social networks of the entrepreneur are related to the ‘life’ of the entrepreneur.”

2009	Scott Shane	USA	Management/Economics	“For publishing significant works that display superior conceptual acumen as well as empirical and methodological sophistication. His research covers virtually all major aspects of the entrepreneurship phenomenon: the individual(s), the opportunity, the organizational context, the environment, and the entrepreneurial process.”
2010	Josh Lerner	USA	Management/Economics	“For his pioneering research into venture capital (VC) and VC-backed entrepreneurship. Among his most important contributions is the synthesis of the fields of finance and entrepreneurship in the form of entrepreneurial finance. He has also made several important contributions in the area of entrepreneurial innovation, spanning issues relating to alliances, patents and open-source project development.”
2012	Kathleen Eisenhardt	USA	Management	“For her work on strategy, strategic decision making, and innovation in rapidly changing and highly competitive markets.”
2014	Shaker A. Zahra	USA	Management	“For his work on the role of corporate entrepreneurship in knowledge creation, absorption, and conversion.”
2018	Olav Sorenson	USA	Sociology/Management/ Economics	“For showing how entrepreneurial activity and innovation are strongly embedded in socially and spatially bounded relationships.”