



European Doctoral Programmes Association  
in Management and Business Administration

## The European Doctoral Programmes Association in Management and Business Administration (EDAMBA) Thesis Competition

### Submission Guidelines

#### Eligibility:

A thesis successfully **defended at an EDAMBA member institution** in the last academic year (**1<sup>st</sup> September 2024– 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**)

#### The submission consists of 3 Documents:

1. **Paper:** the paper is a 5,000-word summary in English of the doctoral thesis including a clear indication of the purpose of the research, research method, major results, implications and key references
  - a. The paper is limited to **5,000 words**, (everything included: the cover / title page, references and tables and figures). *Any paper exceeding the specified limit will not be rejected.*
  - b. **Content order for the paper:**
    - i. **Page 1 is the Title Page:** The title page SHOULD NOT include the name of the author or institution or any identifying information from the properties file of the submitter's computer. The title should be followed by an **abstract of 100 words or ten lines maximum** summarizing the main aims, findings and conclusions of the research.
    - ii. **Body** of the paper: this section includes main body of text plus tables, figures, footnotes and technical details if required such as mathematical proof or development.
    - iii. **End:** References
  - c. **NO AUTHOR INFORMATION** should appear on any page of the Paper, as it will be double BLIND reviewed. If a paper contains any identifying information, it shall be removed from the system, and the author will be invited to resubmit. It is the author's responsibility to resubmit again
  - d. **Format:**
    - Word document
    - Single spaced throughout
    - Text should be Times New Roman 12-point font
    - Title should be Times New Roman 14-point font

- A4 size page formatting
  - 2.5cm margins on all sides
- 2. Letter of support** in English signed by both the mentor / supervisor and head of the institution.
  - 3. CV:** the Curriculum Vitae of the candidate in English.

## **Selection Criteria**

Submissions will be judged on the following criteria:

- A 5,000-word summary in English of the doctoral thesis
- Clarity and rigour of presentation
- Ability to be understood by a diverse management research audience
- Methodology
- Contribution of the research to its field
- Contribution to the understanding of important societal and management challenges

## **Assessment**

The papers are assessed by a review panel coordinated by the EDAMBA Secretary General under the overall responsibility of the Executive Committee elected by the EDAMBA General Assembly.

Based on the reviews (double blind review system), no more than 10 finalists will be short-listed. The top three finalists will be awarded the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes and will be invited to present their papers at the EDAMBA Annual Meeting and General Assembly at the discretion of the EDAMBA Secretary General.

## **Key Dates**

- Submission opens: January 26, 2026
- Submission closes: **March 31, 2026**
- Decision: June 2025
- Presentation and award ceremony: September 1, 2026
- Publication: January 2026

## **Prizes**

- Hans Siggaard Jensen Memorial Prize awarded to the best paper submitted to the Thesis Competition: €2,500
- Second prize: €1,500
- Third prize: €750
- Prizes also include a certificate and support for publication in the EDAMBA Online Journal.
- Only open to EDAMBA member institutions

*Please make sure to read carefully the submission guidelines before submitting your paper. Compliance to the word limit and format is required.*

## **To enter the Thesis Competition**

### **1. PREPARE YOUR 3 documents**

1. Paper (5,000-word summary of your doctoral thesis)
2. Letter of support (in English)
3. CV (in English)

### **2. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**

**Deadline for submission: March 31, 2026**

Finalists will be notified mid-June 2026

Important

Please make sure to adhere to the guidelines as described above when submitting your paper

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## **Contact**

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