



*European Doctoral Programmes Association
in Management and Business Administration*

Call for Papers EDAMBA Thesis Competition 2026

The European Doctoral Programmes Association in Management and Business Administration (EDAMBA) invites submissions for the EDAMBA Doctoral Thesis Award 2025

Prizes up to €2,500

Effective communication is a key skill for doctoral candidates in management and business administration. The EDAMBA Thesis Competition recognizes junior scholars who can demonstrate the importance and relevance of their research to a diverse audience with a 5,000 word summary of their doctoral thesis.

Who can apply?

Applications are invited from scholars who have successfully defended a doctoral thesis in the last academic year (**1st September 2024– 31st December 2025**) at an EDAMBA member institution.

Why was the EDAMBA Thesis Competition created?

The EDAMBA Thesis Competition was created because many doctoral students and graduates have to present their work to an audience who is not familiar with the theories or methods used. Yet the job market opportunities and career progression of doctoral students and graduates may depend on assessments or recommendations by academics from other fields. In addition, funding and grant applications may also be assessed by experts from other disciplines - especially for inter-disciplinary research proposals – which is another reason why researchers need to be able to present their work to clearly and rigorously.

What are the criteria for success?

The EDAMBA Thesis Competition focuses on research in business and management. Candidates submit a 5,000 word summary of their doctoral thesis which is evaluated on its ability to present research clearly, rigorously and concisely to a diverse management research audience while answering the following questions:

- What is the contribution of the work to its field?
- How does the work contribute to understand and address important societal challenges?
- How does the work contribute to understand and address important management challenges?
- Is the methodology sound?

Key Dates

- Submission opens: January 27, 2025
- Submission closes: **March 31, 2026**
- Decision: June 2026
- Presentation and award ceremony: September 7, 2026
- Publication: January 2027

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.