

IFERA 2010 Ph.D. Proposal Competition International Family Enterprise Research Academy (IFERA)

PURPOSE

The International Family Enterprise Research Academy (IFERA) is dedicated to facilitating and promoting the advancement of family business research by encouraging sound, scholarly, and rigorous research practices derived from all accepted methods of inquiry and philosophical traditions. The IFERA Best Ph.D. Research Proposal Competition initiative, supported by the Family Business Network International, aims to acknowledge and honour the next generation of family business scholars whose research is deemed to hold significant promise to increase extant knowledge in the broad area of family business.

AWARD

€2000 award, co-sponsored by FBN International and IFERA

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- PhD students undertaking research in an accredited academic institution
- Early stage students who are less than 15 months into their candidature (i.e. expect to complete their dissertation in 2012 if full time, or the equivalent part time)
- Students who have registered to attend the 2010 IFERA Doctoral Consortium

SUBMISSION

Send a brief covering letter stating your submission is for consideration for the IFERA Ph.D. Research Proposal Competition and include the following required materials:

1. Title page including author's name, institution, address, phone and e-mail
2. A detailed summary (max. 20 pages double-spaced in 12 point font) outlining key aspects relevant to the research philosophy employed: in particular, research objectives, leading research question(s), outline of theory driving the research or shown to be potentially developed, relevant literature review, study justification, and other aspects relevant to the accepted standards of the research philosophy employed. Also state which refereed journal(s) will be targeted. Title page, abstract, figures, tables, and references are not counted for page limit purposes.
3. A one-page abstract (single-spaced in 12 point font)
4. Letter of recommendation from your primary Ph.D. supervisor. The letter must also certify that the student has completed all degree requirements except dissertation.
5. Brief Curriculum Vita

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Quality of research question(s)
- Adherence to the best practices of the research philosophy and tradition employed
- Potential significance, impact, and contributions of findings on the family business field

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

- DEADLINES
 - FULL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PER GUIDELINES ABOVE: April 1, 2010
- Submit all required documents electronically to office@ifera.org

For questions regarding the IFERA Ph.D. Research Proposal Competition, please visit www.ifera.org or contact kosmas.smyrnios@rmit.edu.au, or sgoel@d.umn.edu