

Best Ph.D. Thesis Ranking in Disaster Studies

Call for Nominations (F.Y. 2024-25)

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1. Objective

The primary goal of the Best Ph.D. Thesis Ranking on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) is to encourage and promote impactful research in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) within India. By recognizing outstanding research efforts, the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India, seeks to advance the knowledge base and implementation practices in DRR, fostering innovation and scalability in research that supports both government and non-government DRR stakeholders.

2. Thematic Focus for F.Y. 2024-25

This year's submissions should address the broad theme of “**Chemical and Industrial Disaster and related issues**”, aligning with the growing importance of mitigating risks in these domains within DRR frameworks.

3. Award Details

This award is presented annually and includes the following recognitions:

- **Framed Certificates** for the top-ranked theses (1st, 2nd, and 3rd).
- **National-Level Recognition.**
- **Publication Opportunity** for the 1st ranked thesis in ‘Book’ format by NIDM, providing a significant platform for disseminating key findings.

5. Eligibility Criteria

Nominees must meet the following eligibility conditions:

- **PhD Status:** Nominees should have completed their PhD (submitted their thesis) within the last two years from the start date of the call for nominations.
- **Research Publications:** At least two research papers related to the thesis topic, published in high-impact National or International journals.
- **Nomination Submission:** Nominations must be formally submitted with a signed endorsement by the Nominee's Supervisor or the Head of their institution/university.

6. Nomination Proposal Requirements (List of required documents)

Each nomination proposal should include:

- **Nomination Form** (max. 2 pages): A concise statement by the Nominator (Nominee's Supervisor or HoD/Head of institution), detailing the Nominee's theoretical and practical contributions (**as per format in Annexure**).

- **Curriculum Vitae** (max. 2 pages): A summary of the Nominee's academic and research achievements.
- **Synopsis of the Dissertation** (max. 3 pages): Including the research objectives and key outcomes.
- **Completion Confirmation**: Official documentation confirming the dissertation's completion date.
- **Recommendation Letter**: Official letter from the Head/Dean/Vice-Chancellor of the institution, university, or department.

7. Selection Process

The **Theses** will be evaluated based on:

- **Scientific Quality**: Scientific rigor, technical quality, and potential for the research findings to be applied or scaled by DRR/DRM stakeholders.
- **Originality and Clarity**: Original contributions to DRR knowledge and clarity of thesis.
- **Compliance**: Adherence to UGC guidelines and standards.
- **Presentation**: Shortlisted candidates may be called for presentation before the expert committee.

Note: The members of IUINDRR-NIDM will be given priority (list of members is available at: <https://iuin-drr.nidm.gov.in/MemberList>), and self-nominations will not be considered.

8. Special Conditions for the 1st Ranked Thesis

- **Presentation Requirement**: The 1st ranked candidate will present their research findings at an NIDM-organized National Conference/Seminar, where the award will be officially conferred.
- **Book Authorship**: If mutually agreed upon, NIDM faculty or state officials may collaborate as co-authors in the publication of the first-ranked thesis, subject to approval by the Competent Authority and the Scholar's written consent.
- **Authorship Rights**: Authorship will remain with the Scholar and Guide, based on mutual consent.
- **Scalability**: The outcomes of the thesis may be considered for policy advocacy and addressing disaster-related concerns at the state and district levels.

9. Submission Timeline and Additional Notes

- **Submission Period**: 15 January to 15 February 2025.
- **How to Submit**: One soft copy (as a single PDF document) of the required documents in the requisite format should be sent by email to researchiuin.nidm@nidm.gov.in and one hard copy by post (Speed/Registered post) to the following address:

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Special note: The final decision for the Best Thesis Ranking rests with the NIDM, whose decision will be final and binding.

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NIDM Best Thesis Ranking Nomination Form

1. Name: 2. Name of Department and Institution:
 3. Whether institution is UGC recognised: 4. Ph.D. Supervisor (& Co-supervisor):
 5. PhD enrolment no.:
 6. Date of Ph.D. award:
 7. Title of the Ph.D. Thesis:
 8. Area(s) of Ph.D. Research:
 9. Present Occupation details (designation & official address):
- E-mail: Mobile:
10. Enumerate in what way the results and outcomes presented in the thesis have made an original contribution towards Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) (max: 1 Page and 200 words in bullets as far as possible)
11. SCI Publications emanating only from the Ph.D. thesis-work:

Sl No.	Publication Title	Journal, Vol, Year, page Nos, DOI, etc	Authors (underline scholar's name)	Journal Factor *	Impact	Citations (If any)
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e-copies of the PUBLICATIONS SHOULD BE ATTACHED (in case of only accepted publications, please attach the acceptance letter along with the manuscript)

12. Details of patents/technology transfer/copyright emanating from the Ph.D. thesis-work:

Signature of supervisor

Signature and seal of head of the institution

I understand that if my application is found to be incomplete in any respect or contains any incorrect information, the same will be rejected summarily, and no correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

(Signature of the Student with date)