

VGSOM BEST THESIS AWARDS · 2026-27

Best Management Dissertation Project on Finance or Accounting

DD-FE DUAL DEGREE IN FINANCIAL ENGINEERING

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MISSION

Vinod Gupta School of Management, IIT Kharagpur seeks to promote **technology-driven innovation, entrepreneurship and societal impact**. To further this aim, the School confers an Award on Best Management Dissertation Project on Finance or Accounting to honour **outstanding contributions** addressing these goals.

THE AWARD CARRIES A CITATION

Eligibility

PROGRAMME

- Students enrolled in any full-time, two-year master's programme focused on Finance and Accounting (a general MBA with specialisation in Finance is not applicable)
- Completed all academic requirements of their programme within **March to June 2026**

ALL APPLICANTS

- Open to students of AICTE / NAAC / UGC affiliated business schools in India
- Final-year dissertation project submitted and defended within **March to June 2026**
- The project must be the original work of a student of the institute
- Internship reports are not eligible**
- Direct nominations from students will not be accepted. The business school nominates a project done by its student, with the **entry form signed by the Director or designated signatory**

Application should contain

- Covering letter from the student, justifying how the dissertation project connects with the theme of the Award
- Recommendation of the project supervisor
- One-page CV with CGPA or percentage in high school, graduation and postgraduation, and all publications directly linked to the project; awards received may be included
- PDF of the first page of each publication directly linked to the project
- Link to the dissertation report
- Link to a five-minute video summarising the dissertation work and how it connects with the theme of the Award
- Extended abstract** of the dissertation project (1,500 words)

Send the application to awards@vgsom.iitkgp.ac.in

Selection: a two-step process

1 Shortlist of 10 by the VGSOM Academic Committee

Based on eligibility, the similarity score of the dissertation report from an established similarity-detection service (such as Turnitin), and a score for publications related to the dissertation:

Leading national newspaper or weekly		5
Leading regional newspaper or weekly		2.5
Academic conference publication		2
LinkedIn, blog or social networking site		0.5

2 Evaluation by an independent panel

VGSOM will constitute a panel of faculty and industry executives from India. Panel members will not be drawn from VGSOM or from the schools of any shortlisted applicant. The panel scores shortlisted applications on:

Dissertation quality	
Level of innovation and potential for new technology development	
Potential for entrepreneurship	Level of societal impact
Quality of interaction with the applicant	

APPLICATIONS

Open now

LAST DATE

5 Dec 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT

31 Dec 2026

AWARD PRESENTATION

Purvodaya 2027

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