

VGSOM BEST THESIS AWARDS · 2026-27

Best Thesis Award

PhD DOCTORAL RESEARCH

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MISSION

Vinod Gupta School of Management, IIT Kharagpur aims to promote **innovation and societal impact**. To further this aim, the School confers a Best Thesis Award to honour **outstanding doctoral work in the management domain** addressing these goals.

THE AWARD CARRIES A CITATION

Eligibility

- ◆ Doctoral students registered in any management school or department
- ◆ Defended their thesis during the period **July 2025 to November 2026**
- ◆ At least **two papers** in SCI journals (minimum Q3) or ABDC journals (minimum B category), **or at least one patent**
- ◆ Open to students of AICTE / NAAC / UGC affiliated business schools in India

Application should contain

- Covering letter from the student, justifying how the doctoral work connects with the theme of the Award
- Recommendation of the research supervisor(s)
- One-page CV with CGPA or percentage in high school, graduation and postgraduation, and all publications directly linked to the doctoral research; awards received may be included
- PDF of the first page of each publication directly linked to the doctoral research
- Link to the thesis
- Link to a five-minute video summarising the thesis work and how it connects with the theme of the Award
- Extended abstract** of the thesis (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 thesis from an established similarity-detection service (such as Turnitin), and a score for the quality of publications or patents:

ABDC A* · SCI Q1 · FT50 journal		10
ABDC A · SCI Q2 journal		7.5
ABDC B · SCI Q3 journal		5
Patent		10

2 Evaluation by an independent panel

VGSOM will constitute a panel of faculty from India and abroad. 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
- Level of societal impact
- Interaction with the applicant

APPLICATIONS

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LAST DATE

5 Dec 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT

31 Dec 2026

AWARD PRESENTATION

Purvodaya 2027

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