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Best thesis Award

Ph.D. candidates who have been awarded their Ph.D. degree between April 2024 to March 2026 from any recognized university are eligible to apply for the AFMD Best Thesis Award – 2026. Applicants must submit their completed application form strictly in the prescribed Word format (PDF submissions will not be accepted), along with copies of all publications, patents/copyrights (if any), the thesis abstract and a soft copy of the signed Ph.D. thesis, electronically to convener.afmd@srmist.edu.in not later than 15th March, 2026.

Overall criteria:

The thesis must – exhibit creativity and originality.
make a significant contribution to its field.
be of publishable quality in its discipline.

Eligibility for submitting nominations for Best Thesis:

- All the applications should be sent through online form.
- The student submitting a nomination for the “Best Thesis Award” should have completed the Viva-Voce Examination of the Doctoral Thesis.

INTRODUCTORY CHAPTERS

1. Was the problem area defined?
2. Was the need for the study and its significance clearly stated, and does the study make a significant contribution to its field?
3. Were the statements of the problem, the question, and the approach logical and internally consistent?
4. Was the review of the literature comprehensive and up to date?

METHODOLOGY CHAPTERS

1. Was the study well designed? (Variables well-defined, sampling or population appropriate, instruments appropriate, etc.)
2. Did the methodology description follow a logical sequence?

RESULTS CHAPTERS

1. Were the appropriate analytical methods chosen and described?
2. Were analytical methods appropriately implemented?
3. Were adequate statements made regarding the support or rejection of hypotheses?

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION CHAPTERS

1. Were discussions logical, critical or analytical?
2. Were recommendations soundly derived from the results and conclusions? Were limitations delineated? Were implications for future research soundly thought out and suggested?

OVERALL

1. Were any documentation and illustrative methods, as required by the discipline, of an especially outstanding or unusual quality?
2. Was the quality of writing of an exceptional nature?
3. Does the thesis provide a particularly creative and/or original approach to its subject?

Documents required:

- A completed and signed nomination form (downloaded from the AMFD website).
- Proof of scientific/research publications (Scopus ID, ORCID ID, Web of Science)
- Curriculum vitae
- List of most important publications (Any 3)
- Awards/Fellowship/Patents (if any)

Deadline for candidacy submission: 15 March 2026.