

About BlackRock Research Award

Now in its tenth year, the BlackRock Applied Research Award is happy to be coming to India. The BlackRock Applied Research Awards recognize the most relevant and applicable research papers submitted by PhD candidates on various practical topics covering financial markets, economics, investment, and risk management. –

The winner will receive a \$10,000 grant with an additional \$2,000 to the next 4 runners-up each. The papers should be based on quantitative research and provide practical solutions to the challenges faced by investors and risk managers today.

Want to apply? What you need to know

We are collaborating with the India Finance Association to help outreach to Indian researchers. (To know more about IFA see the <https://indiafa.org/>).

Candidates must send their applications through IFA website here <https://indiafa.org/event/india-finance-conference-ifc-2024/?about=submit-paper> by **August 31, 2024**. The panel will review all submissions and notify the top ten finalists for virtual presentations. Each of the ten candidates will participate in a virtual half day presentation for 30 minutes each. The presentation will be 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A and discussions by the judges and BlackRock subject matter experts. Before the day's event, each candidate will submit their PowerPoint presentations, which will be used during the virtual presentations.

A conference will be held at BlackRock's offices in Gurugram and Mumbai, India in October 2024. The panellists will join both in person and virtually from elsewhere globally. The winner will be declared on the day, followed by refreshments and dinner at BlackRock's office.

The final candidates and winners must present their selected papers at the Indian Finance Association conference.

To be considered for the award, the application must contain:

- The candidate's PhD job market paper. *Important note: we request that all names and personal references be removed from the content in job market papers to ensure an unbiased review by our committee. This includes authors(s) names and affiliations, acknowledgments, seminars/conferences where the paper was presented, etc.*
- The candidate's resume.
- Confirmation of your presence in the coming job market and for the first time. This confirmation may be provided by the dissertation chair (including through the recommendation letter) or by the head of the PhD program or the school department)