

RRBM Dare to Care Dissertation Scholarship 2027

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About the Award

Purpose

Recognize and support emerging business and management scholars who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to responsible research that matters to society.
(See https://www.rrbm.network/position-paper/principles-of-responsible-science/)

The Scholarship Includes

- Financial support in the form of a scholarship of $5,000
- Intellectual support from among the community of RRBM scholars, according to need
- Membership in the college of active Dare to Care Dissertation Scholars who continue to learn with and from one another

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About the Award: Motivations

- RRBM (Responsible Research in Business & Management) has a vision for **credible** business research in **service** of society
- The changing context – a world in need of solutions to wicked or existential problems
- This award supports "justice-oriented" dissertation research as articulated in the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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The 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) to transform our world



SDGs most relevant to this award:

- GOAL 1: No Poverty
- GOAL 2: Zero Hunger
- GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being
- GOAL 4: Quality Education
- GOAL 5: Gender Equality
- GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality
- GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- GOAL 13: Climate Action
- GOAL 14: Life Below Water
- GOAL 15: Life on Land
- GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions
- GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal

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Eligible Research Topics

Will generate knowledge or ideas to reduce inequality or promote social justice, especially focusing on the role of business organizations. Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Reducing income inequality;
- Improving racial or gender equity;
- Providing equal access to resources and opportunities;
- Enhancing stakeholder well-being; etc.

Actionable ideas (IVs) to achieve any of the above goals (DVs)

See prior year winners at https://www.rrbm.network/dare-to-care-scholarship-winners/

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Most Suitable Topics

- Proposals that focus on any of the following outcomes (dependent variables).
  - Economic justice, i.e., less income inequality, living wages for lower-level employees.
  - Social justice, i.e., less inequalities related to race, gender, socioeconomic, as well as disability-related inequalities within organizations.
  - Societal or community justice, i.e., how MNCs contribute to justice in host countries such as reducing poverty and inequality, improving employment opportunity, community development, and climate justice.
- Proposals that provide actionable knowledge or ideas that firms or managers can use to develop policies or practices (i.e., the independent variables)
- Topic fit must be evident for both the independent and dependent variables.

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Least Suitable Topics

- DVs:
  - Proposals that have no direct relationship to any injustice outcomes.
  - Proposals on primarily economic outcomes or innovation to improve economic performance of firms.
- IVs:
  - Proposals that focus on independent variables that are not amenable to managerial actions or not usable for informing policies to reduce injustice or improve justice.
  - Examples at micro levels: Employees' actions, behaviors, or personality attributes that allow them to cope with injustice or to alleviate the injustice experience of others, but not ideas for any organizational or managerial actions.
  - Examples at macro level: Exogeneous conditions or institutional factors outside the control of management (e.g., societal culture or government policies as explanations of inequality in different regions).

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Expectations for Research Methods

We expect a well-developed and rigorous methodology to address a clearly stated research question.

We encourage the use of multiple methods, including:

- qualitative (case studies, observations, text analysis),
- quantitative (surveys, archival empirical), and
- experimentation (lab and field).

We especially encourage, research that:

- Is inter-disciplinary (P3) and/or involves stakeholders in the research process (P5)
- Incorporates intervention field studies, using randomized controlled trials (RCT) that robustly test theory-informed ideas/treatments (actions, policies, programs)

Also see https://www.rrbm.network/position-paper/principles-of-responsible-science/

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Principles to Guide Research Design

View
"The Seven Principles of Responsible Research"
on YouTube at:

https://youtu.be/psKepLFbJgY

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A great example: 2019 Nobel Prize Winners



Michael Kremer | Esther Duflo | Abhijit Banerjee

The new Nobel laureates helped to bring scientific rigor and real-world impact to development economics.

Reduce Poverty in the Developing World

Research
- Absenteeism among teachers and nurses; immunization programs; the management of public infrastructure; and the use of productivity boosting technologies such as fertilizers.
- Broke the complex issue of poverty into "smaller, more manageable questions".
-They replicated the studies to gain greater confidence in their results.
- Over 20 years of work using RCT

Impact
- Five million Indian children benefiting from remedial teaching, and a number of countries increased their spending on preventative health care.

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How to Apply: Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants are:

- Doctoral students enrolled in business schools
- At the beginning stage of the dissertation research
  - Clear research question
  - Well-developed methodology
  - Has passed any qualifying exams applicable to their program
  - Expects to complete research within 12 to 24 months from the award date
- Demonstrate a commitment to the RRBM Principles of Responsible Research

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How to Apply: Application Requirements

1. **Proposal**
2. **Two written recommendations (via online form)**
   - *(Required)* Thesis Advisor
   - *(Choose one)* Business school dean or equivalent, PhD program director or thesis committee members
3. **Curriculum vita (CV)**

Important: Please review the detailed instructions for the proposal in the "Application Guidelines" document available at www.rrbm.network/daretocare.

Submit online at www.rrbm.network/daretocare (Online Form + Document Upload)

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Helpful Resources

- www.rrbm.network/daretocare:
  - Application Deadline & Key Dates
  - Application Guidelines PDF (detailed information about requirements)
  - Frequently Asked Questions about the scholarship
  - Philosophical Foundations of Responsible Research course syllabus and recommended reading
- www.rrbm.network:
  - Position Paper
  - Awards, Events, and more (Check out upcoming webinars)
  - Join the community to stay informed of upcoming initiatives
    - Endorse the position paper

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Application & Review Timeline: 2027

Online Application
Jan 11 – Feb 6, 2027

Application deadline: Jan 11, 2027

Initial Screening
Feb 2027

Reviewer Evaluation &
Selection Committee Evaluation/Decision
Mar/Apr 2027

Winners Announced
May 7, 2027

See website to confirm dates/deadlines.

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