

## **NABARD Citation for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis: Notification**

### **Objective of the Scheme**

NABARD Citation for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis has been instituted to provide recognition to outstanding original research done by doctoral degree students. The citation aims to provide an additional incentive for enhancing the quality of doctoral thesis research and explore areas of relevance to NABARD. We envision that, the citation will incentivise high quality doctoral thesis research in emerging priority areas.

### **Eligibility**

- Any Indian citizen who has completed (defended his thesis & obtained provisional/final degree) Ph.D. in India in areas related to scheme during the calendar year 2023.
- For the scheme year, researchers who have defended the Ph.D. thesis and obtained degree/provisional degree certificate between **01 January 2023 and 31 December 2023** are eligible to apply.
- A thesis will be considered only once.
- **The research work must be original and must have a direct bearing in following areas only viz. Agricultural Marketing, Rural MSME, Climate Smart Agriculture and Agriculture Credit.**
- Publications of at least two good research papers in journals having NAAS rating of 6 and above will be desirable.

### **How to Apply**

Applications/Nominations are invited from **17 April 2025**. Applicants are required to submit a duly filled Application Form along with the required documentary proofs (as sought in Annexure I of Application form) and submit the same through email to: [\*\*phdcitation@nabard.org\*\*](mailto:phdcitation@nabard.org).

The last date for receiving applications is **04 May 2025**.

### **Selection Procedure**

All duly filled applications received by NABARD will be scrutinised by a screening committee that will shortlist applicants for consideration for the citation. The shortlisted candidates may be required to appear for a brief interview-cum-presentation before the selection committee of NABARD which will decide on the conferment of the citation. If no outstanding entries have been received for the year, no citation will be conferred.

### **Financial Incentive**

Only three selected scholars will receive ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh only/-) each along with a citation.

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**Application format for NABARD Citation for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Details to be Furnished by the Applicant</b>
1.	Name of the Applicant	
2.	Topic/Title of Dissertation	
3.	Broad theme under which the Thesis can be categorised into (kindly pick one theme category)	a) Agricultural Marketing b) Rural MSME c) Climate Smart Agriculture d) Agriculture Credit
4.	Contact Details of the Applicant: a) Mobile Number: b) Email Address: c) Mailing Address:	
5.	Contact Details of the Supervisor/Guide: a) Name: b) Designation: c) Contact no.: d) Email Address:	
6.	Name of the University from which Ph.D. degree was completed-	
7.	Contact Details of Head of Department/ Registrar: a) Name: b) Designation: c) Contact no.: d) Email Address:	
8.	Date of Submission of Ph.D. thesis (in DD/MM/YYYY format)	
9.	Date of Award of Degree/Provisional Degree (in DD/MM/YYYY format)- <b><i>(Documentary proof to be attached)</i></b>	

**Note:** All details sought above are compulsory. Applicants must ensure to submit the complete proforma along with the supporting documents sought in **Annexure I** through email to [phdcitation@nabard.org](mailto:phdcitation@nabard.org). **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

## **Annexure I**

### **Documents Required**

(To be attached ***in pdf format*** and submitted along with the Application form)

1. A summary of the dissertation in English of up to 2 pages (800-1000 words) in length written by the Ph.D. scholar, highlighting the significance of the problem statement, the research methodology adopted, and the scope of the dissertation/major finding/policy implications.
2. A one-page (200-300 words) nomination statement addressing why the nominee should receive the citation. This should address the significance of the dissertation, utility of the dissertation, etc. Applicants are not expected to simply replicate the information in the abstract.
3. A Letter of Recommendation from the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor/Head of the Department/ Head of the Institution on their official letter head.
4. One copy of the thesis in electronic format (soft copy).
5. A record of publications in conferences and journals of the work reported in the dissertation, along with their citations, if any.

**Note: Applications not adhering to the specified word limits will be summarily rejected.**