



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF BANKING & FINANCE (IIBF)

Calls for MACRO Research Proposals for the year 2009-10

Indian Institute of Banking & Finance (Estd: 1928) is working with a mission "to develop professionally qualified competent bankers and finance professionals primarily through a process of education, training, examination, consultancy/ counselling and continuing professional development programme." As in the past this year too IIBF, intending to focus on contributing to banking industry and financial services through encouraging innovative ideas, has decided to address contemporary issues which will have an impact on the economy in general and financial services in particular, through purposeful research. Research organisations/ researchers affiliated to research organisations/banks are hereby invited to send their proposals for undertaking research in any of the following areas:

1. Methodology for deciding a benchmark lending rate in India
2. Credit risk mitigation techniques for Indian banks in the present NPA cycle
3. Financial literacy: the approach of the Indian banks
4. Corporate bond market
5. Third party sales and incentive structure in banks: the role of regulation, HR compensation and other factors
6. Size bias in Indian banking: how it compares internationally?
7. Empirical studies on microfinance
8. Supply chain financing in agriculture

Who can participate?

Research organizations/institutes as well as individuals (with a Ph.D. degree) affiliated to research organisations/institutions/banks having a proven track record, are eligible to apply.

If the project is undertaken by individuals, the proposal should be routed through their organizations after taking requisite permission, if applicable.

It may be noted that the Institute encourages empirical research in which the candidates can test their hypothesis through data (primary/secondary) and lessons from which can be drawn for the industry (banking & finance) as whole.

Size of research report:

Around 200-250 pages

Timeframe:

The final report should be completed within four months from the time it is commissioned.

Evaluation:

Research proposals will be evaluated on their merit as well as the track record of the research organisations/researchers submitting the proposal. Selection will be made after the short listed researchers make a brief presentation to the members of the IIBF's Research Advisory Committee (RAC).

Research Grant:

The selected research project carries an award of Rs. 1,50,000 (rupees one lakh and fifty thousand only). On commencement of the project a part of the award money will be given by way of advance and the remaining balance will be disbursed only on acceptance of the final report.

In case a report is found unacceptable during the mid term review, the research organisation/researcher will not be paid the remaining amount. In case a research organisation/researcher abandons the project mid way, they would be required to refund the advance together with interest at the prevailing Prime Lending Rate (PLR) of the State Bank of India (SBI).

Language:

Applicant research organisations/ researchers are required to submit typed proposals in English along with a brief bio-data highlighting their experience in conducting similar research.

Last date for submitting proposals is 31st July 2009.

Applications may be sent via post or courier to:

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