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THE CONTEXT

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DETAILS OF THE AWARD

Name of the Award: Exim Bank of India BRICS Economic Research Award

Objective: Stimulating advanced research on economics related topics of relevance to the member nations of BRICS

Eligible Persons: Nationals of any of the five member nations of BRICS, who have been awarded a Doctorate or accepted for award of a Doctorate from any recognized nationally accredited University or academic institution globally, are eligible to receive the Award.

Eligible Universities / academic institutions: Any University or academic institution which has awarded a Doctorate or accepted a thesis for award of a Doctorate must be recognized and nationally accredited by the official competent body in the respective country.

Eligible Entry: Any thesis which has been awarded a Doctorate or accepted for award of a Doctorate during January 2015 to March 2020.

Subject Matter of Thesis: Research in international economics, trade, development and related financing. Issues of particular relevance to BRICS nations / member development banks of BRICS such as those pertaining (but not limited) to international economics, foreign trade, development and related financing, foreign direct investments, joint ventures, international competitiveness, policies impacting trade and investment, monetary and fiscal interventions would be of particular interest. Credit would be given for originality, clarity of presentation and relevance to the BRICS context.

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