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## INDIA EXIM BANK INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RESEARCH ANNUAL CITATION (IERA CITATION) 2025

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### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### Subject Matter

1. Research work in international economics, trade, development and related financing either awarded a doctorate or accepted for award of doctorate from a university or equivalent academic institution in India or abroad by Indian nationals. Credit would be given for originality, clarity of presentation and relevance to Indian context.
2. India Exim Bank will accept, as entry, thesis for which doctorate has been obtained/ accepted for the Award, during the four calendar years prior to the year for which the prize is to be awarded and up to October 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of the Citation (2025).

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2. All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form signed by the author.
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7. All entries must be accompanied by a certificate from relevant university/ institute regarding award/ acceptance of thesis for the award of Doctorate.
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