

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The **40th John H. Dunning Doctoral Tutorial (JHD-DT)** for International Business doctoral students is being organized in conjunction with the **52nd Annual Conference of the European International Business Academy (EIBA)** to be held on December 10-12, 2026 in Aalborg, Denmark.

The **2026 JHD-DT** will take place on Thursday, **December 10, 2026**, on Day 1 of the EIBA 2026 Conference. The Doctoral Tutorial is being co-chaired by Arjen Slangen and Randi Lunnan.

Applications for participation need to be submitted **by September 1, 2026**, using the template described below. The number of students accepted for the JHD-DT is strictly limited to ten students. The selected participants will be asked to **submit an updated ten-page version of their thesis proposal by November 16, 2026**, following the guidelines listed below. (All accepted students participating in this event must also be fully registered for the EIBA 2026 conference – this is a mandatory requirement.)

An **award** will be presented to the participating student with the most promising thesis proposal at the 2026 JHD-DT.

We welcome applications from doctoral candidates who are in the **second half of their thesis trajectory** and are particularly keen to receive applications from students who have developed a clear idea of their theoretical framework and empirical design and are in the process of collecting or analyzing their data. We are especially open to promising proposals by applicants who lack access to IB research experts at their own school.

Students interested in participating in this event should submit the following material using the EIBA 2026 submission system, choosing JHD-DT application track:

By September 1, 2026

- A **three-page abstract** of your doctoral project (Times New Roman font size 11 points, single line spacing, 3-page limit including any figures or tables, excluding references)
- Your **CV** in which you are kindly requested to mention:
 - the number of months (years) you have been working on your doctoral thesis
 - the name of your main thesis advisor

Applicants should divide their three-page abstract into the following sections – in roughly the following proportions:

1. the central research question addressed (to include a brief statement of the topic – the topic must clearly relate to international business – and of the issue or problem that motivates the research) [10%];
2. theory and literature review [20%];
3. research design, data, and methodology (to include hypotheses in the case of quantitative methods, and the methods of measurement and the generative questions that will guide grounded theory building in the case of those using qualitative methods) [30%];
4. expected results and summary of the evidence of the study thus far (to include if applicable an outline of any preliminary findings) [20%];
5. expected contribution and its significance to scholarship in the IB field [10%]; and
6. conclusions, and any remaining concerns or problems to be overcome [10%].

NOTE: If your thesis is made up of several papers, it may make sense to introduce the general theme of the thesis and then to focus on one of the papers.

Please note again: the submission deadline is September 1, 2026.