

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
Department of Earth Sciences

Guidelines for nomination for the Best Thesis award of the Department

The department adheres to the following four Institute guidelines for nominating the candidates for the best thesis award. Each of the following points carries 25% weightage.

- a) Responses from the two external thesis referees (section C- before defense)
- b) A combined evaluation from the examiners at the time of defense (inclusive of chairman, external and internal examiners and supervisor).
- c) Continuing assessment by the department through pre-synopsis and annual progress seminars.
- d) Publication record, awards won by papers in conferences etc.

Based on the above broad guidelines, the department will further adopt the following procedure for nominating the candidates for the best PhD thesis award.

- a) Shortlisting criteria:
 - i) The candidate should have a minimum of two peer-reviewed SCI publications, OR one publication in SCI journal and one in recognized international conference proceedings.
 - ii) The candidate should have submitted the thesis within the first five years without seeking extension.
 - iii) The candidate should have presented his/her all APSs and pre-synopsis on time, without being asked to repeat either of them at any time during the entire duration of his/her PhD tenure.
 - iv) Reports of RPC members should always have been favourable every year.
 - v) Reports of the external examiners should not have been marked 'D' or 'E' in the thesis evaluation report.
- b) The department will approach supervisors to nominate their eligible candidates. The nominating supervisor, along with his/her recommendation, should provide a list of peer-reviewed SCI publications of the student arising from his/her PhD work. Supervisors will also have to mention about the amount of contribution of the nominating student in each paper.
- c) The department will further consider the following institute guidelines **in case of tie**.
 - i) Departmental feedback, recognition and awards received, etc.
 - ii) Contribution to research activity in the group/department
 - iii) Mentorship to peers and juniors and
 - iv) Number of courses attended and grades obtained (overall CGPA in the course work)