

**The Fourth PhD Students Consortium in International Business Administration**

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***Texas A&M International University***

**Laredo, Texas - April 2, 2008**

**Awards: \$500, \$300, \$200**

[The PhD Program in International Business Administration at Texas A&M International University](#) (TAMIU) will host its fourth **PhD Students Consortium** on **Wednesday, April 2, 2008** from 10 AM to 5 PM on the beautiful new campus of Texas A&M International University in Laredo, Texas. As in last year, this year's Consortium is supported by a grant from the US Department of Education (Business and International Education - BIE).

**A. Purpose:**

This PhD Students Consortium, now in its **fourth year**, will provide an opportunity for scholarly and intellectual discourse among PhD students in international business and associated fields. The primary goal is to encourage excellence in doctoral level research through inter-institutional collaboration under the leadership of prominent scholars.

PhD Students will:

- Participate in a seminar devoted exclusively to PhD student research agendas, challenges and questions;
- Make a 20-minute presentation of their doctoral research agenda and seek feedback from one another and guidance from the scholars;
- Attend and submit separate papers at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Western Hemispheric Conference that follows; see <http://freetrade.tamiu.edu>.
- Meet scholars attending other events of the week, including keynote addresses, academic papers on Western hemispheric Trade and Investment, and special presentations by members of the [Global Advisory Board](#) of TAMIU's PhD Program
- Compete for prizes: \$500, \$300, and \$200 to first, second and third places.

**B. Participants and Selection Criteria:**

Participants will be chosen from students enrolled in PhD programs in international business or allied fields. Priority will be given to members of the Consortium or universities with which our [Global Advisory Board](#) members are affiliated. Each student will be required to submit an abstract of his/her research, and to make a 25 minute presentation at the meeting. The scholars leading the session as well as other faculty members attending the workshop will critique and rank each presentation and suggest ways of facilitating its implementation. The three best proposals will receive awards of \$500, \$300, or \$200.

### **C. Consortium Leaders/Mentors:**

Faculty members leading the Consortium are prominent scholars from participating institutions and/or members of the [Global Advisory Board of Texas A&M International University's PhD Program in International Business Administration](#):

- Prof. **Farok J. Contractor**, Rutgers University
- Prof. **John Daniels**, University of Miami
- Prof. **Alejandro Ibarra**, EGADE, Tec de Monterrey, México
- Prof. **Stephen Magee**, University of Texas – Austin
- Prof. **Masood Samii**, Southern New Hampshire University
- Prof. **Tagi Sagafi-nejad**, Texas A&M International University - *Moderator*

### **D. Eligibility:**

Applicant must be currently enrolled in a PhD Program in business, with an international emphasis.

### **E. Requirements:**

- 1) A brief application letter
- 2) Letter of recommendation from a Professor,
- 3) One-page abstract of research in progress or future research agenda

### **F. Additional requirements for competition for the first, second and third place award:**

To be eligible for the award first place \$500, second place (\$300) and third place (\$200), proposals must be more extensive, and should meet the following criteria:

- 1) Demonstrate significant potential contributions to international business or an associated field;
- 2) Contain a review of the literature in which the proposed research is grounded;
- 3) Present outlines of the theoretical model to be employed;
- 4) Discuss methodologies to be employed;
- 5) Length: Between 2,000-3,000 words

### **G. Deadline:** Application must be received by **January 15, 2008**

### **H. Financial support:**

- 1) There is no registration fee for participants recommended by their professor
- 2) The University will make its housing facilities available at a very modest cost;
- 3) Participants can register for the conference that follows the Consortium (<http://freetrade.tamiu.edu>) at a reduced fee and attend the conference that follows the Consortium. The first part of the conference takes place in Laredo on Thursday and Friday, April 3-4.
- 4) Financial support toward travel to the conference is available on a competitive basis.

### **I. More Information and How to Apply:** To apply, submit a proposal, or for further information, please contact:

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