
AIB Doctoral Consortium 2005 (8-9, July 2005)
Quebec City, Canada

AIB will offer a consortium for doctoral students on July 8-9, 2005. Professor [Charles Dhanaraj](#), Indiana University is chairing the consortium. The deadline for applying is February 28, 2005.

The [Society for the Advancement of Management Studies \(SAMS\)](#) will be sponsoring the consortium, and will provide several travel grants of up to \$750 for students in need of financial support attending the consortium. In addition, SAMS will also sponsor the **SAMS/AIB Award for the Best Doctoral Dissertation Proposal**, where the winner will receive a \$1500 award. There will also be two \$500 awards for the runner ups.

The AIB 2005 Doctoral Consortium provides an ideal opportunity for doctoral students in international business to explore their research interests in an interdisciplinary workshop, under the guidance of a panel of distinguished research faculty. The consortium has the following specific objectives: (1) Promote the development of a supportive community of scholars within a spirit of collaborative research; (2) Provide a supportive setting for feedback on participants' current research and guidance on future research directions, and (3) Discuss issues relating to publishing strategy and job search process. The faculty members for this year are:

Paul Beamish, Ivey Business School, Canada
Julian Birkinshaw, London Business School, UK
John Cantwell, Rutgers University, USA
Marjorie Lyles, Indiana University, USA
Shige Makino, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Torben Pedersen, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
Jeff Reuer, University of North Carolina, USA
Eleanor Westney, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
Srilata Zaheer, University of Minnesota, USA
Udo Zander, Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden

A faculty committee comprising Charles Dhanaraj, Louis Herbert (HEC, Montreal), Marina Papanastassiou (AUEB, Greece) and Jasjit Singh (INSEAD, Singapore) will be organizing the consortium. The consortium will start at 3pm on Friday (July 8th) and end at 4:30pm on Saturday (July 9th). Friday session will include a visit to a local Canadian company and a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Saturday morning will be devoted to discussion of the research topics of the participants, and the afternoon session will focus on career and publishing related issues.

Preference will be given to doctoral candidates who have finished the equivalent of the thesis proposal defense. Selection criteria will be focused on quality, as well as on achieving diversity in disciplinary and interdisciplinary orientations.

Students must be nominated by a faculty member by email directly to the consortium chair. Students must email supporting materials: a brief vita (2 pages maximum), an extended abstract of the thesis proposal (3 pages), a letter requesting financial support (if applying for a travel stipend), and a personal research statement by February 28, 2005 directly to the consortium chair: Dr. Charles Dhanaraj (ghanaraj@iupui.edu). More details on the submission requirements are provided below.

For further information, please contact

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Extended Abstract

Prepare a three-page extended abstract of your thesis, including: title, author information, abstract, keywords, thesis research summary, and references. The extended abstract should succinctly cover the research question, theoretical background with hypotheses, proposed methodology and intended contribution. Your abstract will be made available to the faculty advisors and two other student participants who will provide you written feedback. If selected for the consortium, you will present your thesis proposal to a small group of students and faculty who in turn will provide you with some feedback. The abstract will also form a part of the basis for the selection for the **SAMS/AIB Award for the Best Doctoral Dissertation Proposal**. The proposals will be judged against the following criteria:

- ❖ Originality and theoretical foundations of the work
- ❖ Rigor and soundness of methodology proposed
- ❖ Potential contribution/impact of the proposed work to advancing the field

Personal Research Statement

This will be circulated only to other consortium participants and the faculty advisors. It should be kept short (1 page), but should include a brief biographical sketch, current publications, your research/publishing plans, and any additional information that would help the faculty advisors gain an insight into your strengths and research interests. This will come in handy as you enter the job market.

Letter of Nomination (Email)

Nomination letters should be sent by email. Please request your thesis advisor to send it directly to the consortium chair, Dr Charles Dhanaraj (ghanaraj@iupui.edu). The letter should state clearly that you have defended (or expect to defend before July 1, 2005) your thesis proposal. If the student is enrolled in a doctoral program which does not have a formal proposal defense, then the thesis advisor's statement of approval of the proposal will suffice. The email can be sent anytime before the deadline, February 28, 2005.

Letter Requesting Financial Support (if applying for a travel stipend)

Due to the kind support of the [Society for the Advancement of Management Studies \(SAMS\)](#) for this years doctoral consortium, several travel grants of up to \$750 are available for students in need of financial support to attend the consortium. If you would like to apply for one of these travel stipends, please include a letter stating your request to be considered for a stipend. The letter should include the following information: an estimation of your travel costs including your city and country of departure, the name of your university, whether any travel funds are available from your university, whether you are currently an AIB member, and whether you have previously received a travel stipend from AIB.

Doctoral Consortium Submission Checklist

Email your application as a set of attached documents in PDF format to [Charles Dhanaraj](#), by the deadline of Monday, February 28, 2005. Your application must include all of the following:

- ❖ Extended abstract (3 pages)
 - ❖ Personal research statement (1 page)
 - ❖ Vita (2 page)
 - ❖ Letter requesting financial support (if applying for a travel stipend)
 - ❖ A email to confirm that you will be attending the consortium if selected.
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