



CCR Outstanding Thesis Award 2024 Rules

Caisse Centrale de Réassurance (CCR) has organized an award to be presented in 2024, the:

“CCR Outstanding Thesis Award”

The award recognizes research work resulting in a doctoral thesis relating to natural disasters as applicable to the insurance industry and the prevention of risks.

The winner will also receive 5,000 euros from CCR, and his or her thesis will be communicated to the public on CCR’s corporate website (www.ccr.fr) or any other CCR site.

Article 1 - Purpose of the Award

CCR wishes to encourage research into natural disasters and the application of this research to the insurance industry and the prevention of risks. The purpose of the Award is to reward a doctoral thesis in this area that is innovative, detailed and original, and provides insight on the theoretical aspects and practical issues associated with the thesis topic.

Article 2 - Applicants

Applicants must be research students who have defended their doctoral thesis between July 1st 2022 and December 31st 2023. Applicants may submit only one proposal in the context of the Award program. Applicants must confirm that they own full intellectual property rights to their thesis and to the summary referred to in Article 3 hereunder.

Article 3 - Applications

Applications must be received between December 18st 2023 and April 29st 2024. The application file must contain the following documents:

- A completed application form available on www.ccr.fr from the “Outstanding Thesis Award” page;



- A summary, no more than two pages long, explaining why the thesis might be of interest to the insurance and risk prevention industry (in English or French);
- A doctoral certificate issued by the applicant's University;
- The thesis in PDF format, in French or in English;
- Reports on their thesis manuscript by the designated examining jury members (optional);
- The thesis defense report (optional).

Application files may be sent using the form available on www.ccr.fr from the “Outstanding Thesis Award” page. Application files must be received no later than April 29st 2024.

The Company is not able to return any documents to applicants.

CCR may decide to not select any of the 2024 applicants if it considers that none of the theses submitted are of sufficiently high quality.

Application files that are submitted beyond the deadline, do not comply with the rules or are incomplete will be automatically rejected.

Each candidate is responsible for the accuracy of the information and declarations included in their application file. Any candidate who provides false information will be eliminated from the Award program.

Each Award winner is responsible for the accuracy of the information and declarations included in their application file. In the event it is discovered that an Award winner provided false information or did not comply with the program rules and if CCR no longer owes that winner any prize money, he or she must reimburse all money previously granted by CCR.

Article 4 - The jury

The jury will be composed of university academics, research and insurance sector experts and CCR representatives.

Article 5 - Selection process

In the month following the application submission deadline, the CCR representatives will preselect a maximum of five theses from the applications received.



For each thesis, the chairman of the jury will designate one or two jury members who will act as examining jury members and who will draw up and present a report, on the basis of which the jury will make its decision.

The jury will meet in April 2024 to vote on the theses. The thesis that obtains a straight majority of votes in the first round will win the prize. If there is no straight majority, the two theses that obtain a majority of votes in the first round will go through to the second round. The thesis that obtains a majority of votes in the second round will win the prize. The author of the winning thesis will be declared winner of the award.

Each jury member will have one vote. In the event of a tie, the chairman of the jury will have a casting vote.

The jury is sovereign. Its deliberations are confidential and it will not be required to explain its decision, which will be final.

The jury may decide not to award the prize if it considers that none of the theses submitted are of sufficiently high quality. It may also decide to select two *exaequo* winners, in which case the prize money will be shared between them.

Article 6 - Award

The winner will receive 5,000 euros, to be awarded by CCR, and the winning thesis will be communicated to the public.

The prize money will be awarded to the winner either in the form of a check or by bank transfer, within a maximum of three months following the date of the award ceremony.

Communication of the thesis to the public is made by means of the on-line publication of the winning thesis on one of the above-mentioned CCR websites. The thesis is published within a maximum of three months following the date of the official award ceremony.

Article 7 - Obligations of the winner

The winner will receive the award subject to a twofold condition requiring his or her presence at the official award ceremony which will be held in Paris in June 2024 and his or her permission, granted to CCR free of charge, allowing CCR to reproduce the thesis and communicate it to the public on one of the above-mentioned CCR websites. This permission must be granted worldwide and for such time as the corresponding copyright is protected by law.



The winner will only be allowed to refer to the fact that he or she has won the CCR Outstanding Thesis Award in direct connection with his or her doctoral thesis. Any other reference will require CCR's express prior consent.

The winner authorizes CCR to use his or her full name and images:

- in any quotation, reference or reproduction in any medium;
- in any representation for the purpose of CCR's internal or external communication initiatives relating to the organization of the award and the award ceremony;

without receiving any compensation, rights or benefits other than the attribution of the award and the communication of the thesis to the public.

Article 8 - Right of access

CCR processes personal data for the purpose of the management of persons with whom it comes into contact whenever it enters into a contractual agreement. The personal data of these individuals is communicated to CCR by the candidates and includes their full name and personal and/or professional contact details.

The data collected in these processes are necessary for purposes of legitimate interest pursued by CCR and are intended for CCR's relevant departments and, when necessary, its subcontractors and other service providers. The time-limit for storing these data is equivalent to the duration specified in the Award rules plus the limitation period prescribed by law (5 years).

Candidates are provided:

- the right of access, right of rectification, right of erasure, right to object, right of limitation and right of portability in respect of all of their personal data which may be exercised by sending a written request, accompanied by a copy of proof of identity, by post to the CCR Data Protection Delegate (157, bd Haussmann - 75008 Paris) or by using the e-mail address droit.daces@ccr.fr;
- and where appropriate, the right to file a formal complaint with the French National Commission for Data Protection and Liberties (CNIL), if they consider that their rights are not being upheld.



Article 9 - Acceptance of the rules

By participating in the Award program the candidate expressly agrees to these Award rules that constitute a contractual relationship between CCR and the said candidate and which may be accessed via the CCR website: www.ccr.fr on the “CCR Outstanding Thesis Award” page.

CCR reserves the right to modify, supplement, extend, suspend, cancel or postpone all or a portion of the CCR Outstanding Thesis Award, without notice, without any possible compensation, and without incurring any liability as a result.

Any modifications to the conditions of the CCR Outstanding Thesis Award shall be published on www.ccr.fr on the “CCR Outstanding Thesis Award” page.

Article 10 - Applicable law

These Award rules are subject to French law.