

February __, 2025

Dear _____,

Sub: Inviting applications for the “India Exim Bank BRICS Economic Research Annual Citation 2025”

As you are aware, in the current global economic landscape, “BRICS” has emerged as an important economic force representing the eleven major emerging economies (which now include Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and UAE, with the recent expansion in 2024 and 2025). During India’s chairmanship of the BRICS Forum in 2016, the Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank), had instituted the BRICS Economic Research Annual Citation, with the objective of encouraging and stimulating advanced research on economics related topics of relevance to the member nations of BRICS.

2. The annual Citation comprises prize money of Indian Rupees 1.5 million (equivalent) (approximately USD 18,000) sponsored by India Exim Bank and a medal. The Citation would serve to encourage scholars to undertake focused research studies on topics of contemporary relevance to BRICS. The unique annual Citation has, over the years, gained much recognition, appreciation and wide visibility among the BRICS member nations.

3. The Citation accepts as entries, Doctoral Theses written by nationals of any of the eleven member nations of BRICS, who have been awarded a Doctorate or accepted for award of a Doctorate from any recognized nationally accredited University or academic institution globally, during the period January 2020 to March 2025. The broad focus of the eligible theses could be international economics, trade, development, and related aspects of financing, which may also have particular relevance especially to BRICS nations/ member development banks of BRICS. **The brochures containing the detailed guidelines of the Citation and terms and conditions for application are enclosed herewith, for reference.**

4. Further details about the BRICS Citation could be found at <https://www.eximbankindia.in/citations.aspx>. The online application form for submission by the applicant can be accessed from this link viz. <https://www.eximbankindia.in/brics-citation-register.aspx>. **Kindly note that the last date for receipt of the applications is stipulated as March 31, 2025.** India Exim Bank envisages to announce the Citation winner during the BRICS Annual Financial Forum 2025, scheduled to be held later this year.

5. The details of the Citation are being disseminated globally. Your esteemed institution may have doctoral scholars (nationals of BRICS member countries) whose dissertations would

have been awarded a Doctorate or accepted for award of a Doctorate during period January 2020 to March 2025. **In this context, we write to you to seek your kind cooperation and support in ensuring effective dissemination of the details of the Citation among prospective applicants in your region and especially in your esteemed institution, through your good office, to generate interest among scholars and to mobilize applications for the Citation.** We would highly appreciate if you could kindly advise your office to give wide publicity to the Citation in your University through display on Department notice boards and perhaps also through your University intranet/ email channel.

6. For any queries related to the Citation, prospective applicants could feel free to directly contact India Exim Bank through email (bricscitation@eximbankindia.in) or telephone (+91-22-22860-310/ 313/ 353).

7. We thank you for your support in this regard and look forward to your kind cooperation.

With best regards,

