



**Postgraduate Studies and Research Department
College of Banking and Financial Studies**

**SREPCO 2017
Student Research Project Competition**

Deadline for Submission: February 15, 2017

CBFS is pleased to announce the second annual Students Research Project Competition **SREPCO 2017**. The purpose of this competition is to promote and reward excellence in student research in Business related areas. The students who prepare research projects or Projects as part of their work in their HND/Undergraduate/Postgraduate courses are encouraged to enter the competition.

Objectives

- To promote research interest among the students
- To develop critical, analytical and presentation skills
- To recognize outstanding work by students

Benefits

- Interaction with practicing researchers who offer a critical feedback on research work
- Preparation for participation in scientific conference in future and have an idea of journal publication
- Gain self-confidence through the experience and networking

Who should participate

The competition is open to all the CBFS HND/Undergraduate/Postgraduate students and those who have graduated in the last year in Business related areas and has done their research project as a part of their academic requirement.

Research Focus Areas

Accounting	Finance	Economics
Marketing	Human Resources	Entrepreneurship
Tourism	Other related areas	

Guidelines

- The project must have been completed as part of the requirements for a HND/UG/PG course in any semester in 2014 to 2016 to be eligible for submission
- Students may participate in the SREPCO 2017 either individually or in team of maximum 3 participants.
- Focus of research topic should be within the scope of the specialization of the students
- Student/s may use any type of quantitative or qualitative methodology
- Empirical, field, observational, and applied research Projects are eligible
- Project must be submitted in English
- The maximum number of words should be 5000. A separate cover page and brief abstract not exceeding 200 words.
- Project format should be 1.5 line spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 font, with one-inch margins all sides
- Project should be submitted in MS Word document form only
- Projects must cite all sources consulted. Submitted Projects must use the APA style of referencing in bibliography
- Cover page and the bibliography are not part of the page length requirement
- Students are allowed to submit Project either individually or in group of maximum three members
- Photography is not to be used in the research Project but allowed for oral presentations
- Graphs, tables, diagrams, charts, or other graphic representation should be numbered properly
- Declaration should be given by the students indicating the Project is the original work of him/her/them
- All Projects will be subject to textual similarity review by plagiarism detection software - Turnitin. Maximum allowable percentage of text match will be 25%
- Students may submit more than ONE Project for this competition, and if accepted maximum two-presentation is allowed for presentation per person or team.
- Each submission must be endorsed by the faculty member who supervised the project, using the attached competition submission form
- Maximum 15 minutes will be allowed for oral presentation

Project Outline

- Cover Page (Research Title, Research Focus Area, Student's name, Supervisor's Name, Class and College Name, Year of completion of Project)
- Abstract (not exceeding 200 words)
- Introduction
- Literature Review
- Research Methods
- Results
- Findings, suggestions and Conclusion
- References
- Appendices (if necessary)

Evaluation Process

Projects will be evaluated by Student Research Project Review Committee consisting of three faculty members. The Committee will evaluate all submissions using a blind review process based on the following criteria:

1. Relevance or significance of the topic (5%)
2. Theoretical basis (10%)
3. Methodology (20%)
4. Discussion and Interpretation (20%)
5. Clarity of writing (20%)
6. Quality of Presentation (25%)

The decision of the Student Research Project Review Committee will be final.

Submission Procedure

Projects should be submitted to **Ms. Sonal Devesh, Researcher, Room No. TH19, 3rd Floor** by attaching both the competition submission form (duly signed scanned copy) and research Project.

Important Dates

Project Submission: February 15, 2017

Competition Presentation: Last Week of February, 2017

Competition Awards (For Team – separately for HND, UG and PG students)

First Prize: RO 100

Second Prize: RO 75

Third prize: RO 50

College will award Certificate of Participation to all the winners and the participants of this competition.

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Research Project Submission Form

Student Name	Student No.	Programme	Class & Semester

Students' Email address & GSM No.:

Student Name	Email ID	GSM No.

Title of research Project submission:

Research Focus Area:

Month and Year of Project was initially submitted for course grade (if any):

Professor's Name:

I hereby attest that the Project submitted is my original work and that I have credited all sources referenced and consulted.

Date:

Student Signature

I endorse this Project for consideration in the **SREPCO 2017** Research Project Competition.

Date:

Faculty Signature
