Guidelines and Instructions

**Submission Guidelines**

1. Applications will be accepted from students or graduates of any academic institution in the world.

2. Dissertations must be written in English.

3. Dissertations must have been *successfully defended within 18 months prior* to the competition deadline (March 1, 2017 - October 31, 2018).

4. Dissertations must be in print form (i.e., we will not consider submissions that are only film, audio, musical, etc., format).

5. Dissertations submitted must be based on research conducted using either (a) qualitative methods alone, or (b) if mixed/multi-method design, be qualitatively-driven (i.e., the qualitative component provides the foundation for the study).

6. One submission per dissertation. Even if the successful defense date of the dissertation happens to be eligible for two consecutive years, the dissertation cannot be submitted a second time.

7. Award recipients will be required to present major findings at an IIQM within one year of winning their award

**PLEASE NOTE:** The utilization of a software package for data analysis is not a requirement of this award.

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1. Applicants must fill out the appropriate online application form (PhD or Masters) located on the IIQM website. In addition, applicants must email a PDF version of their dissertation, and a copy of their CV to iiqm.support@ualberta.ca.

2. Please make note of the word limits contained on the application form. Word limits are set and cannot be exceeded.

3. Dissertations will be distributed via email for review.