



Announcement

Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University

Distinguished Thesis Award, Fiscal Year 2019.

Graduate students of Mahidol University annually produce a considerable number of outstanding theses. The vast majority of them are of high quality and thus have been published nationally and internationally in many well-recognised academic journals and have been deservedly patented. It is conspicuous that many research findings have been brought into exploitation by both public and private sectors in various beneficial aspects, bringing reputation to Mahidol University. The Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University hence offers Distinguished Thesis Awards, Fiscal Year 2019 to honour remarkable and excellent research of the students

1. Objectives

- 1.1 To promote the conducting of high quality theses and disseminating them into public and private sectors
- 1.2 To enhance the reputation of the relevant graduate programs
- 1.3 To recognise the students and their thesis advisor's research excellence
- 1.4 To employ the theses as a means of promoting the educational standards of the Faculty of Graduate Studies
- 1.5 To promulgate graduate students' outstanding research through distinguished thesis selection mechanism

2. Criteria for Thesis Nominations

- 2.1 The thesis must be conducted and authored by a Thai or international graduate student of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, who graduated in the academic year period of 2016-2017.
- 2.2 The thesis must be written in English or Thai
- 2.3 The thesis must be published and/or conform to one of the following criterion:

2.3.1 have been published or accepted in a national or international academic journal. In case of co-authorship, it is not necessary that the name of candidate appear in the initial order; however, his/her name and supervisor's name must be determined affiliated with Mahidol University .

2.3.2 have obtained a patent/a copyright

2.3.3 have potential efficiency for application

2.3.4 have been presented at an academic conference

3. Nomination Procedures

3.1 Candidates who are eligible to apply must be the graduates of the academic year of 2016-2017 and must have not been previously awarded in the same category. Please note that the candidates must receive consent and approval from advisor and program director.

3.2 Candidates must consider to which disciplinary group, categorized by research content and methodology, their theses fit in. However, the thesis can be re-categorized to a more appropriate group after deliberation by the Committee.

3.3. The candidate's thesis must not be the same one applied or/and submitted for Innovation for Industry Award nomination in the fiscal year of 2019.

3.4 Candidates must consider to which disciplinary group, categorized by research content and methodology, their theses fit in. However, the thesis can be re-categorized to a more appropriate group after deliberation by the Committee.

The disciplinary groups are categorized into 4 sub-groups;

Group 1 Biological Science, e.g. theses in Biological Science, Molecular Biology, Pharmacy, Toxicology, Neurosciences

Group 2 Physical Science and Technology, e.g. theses in Analytical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Polymer Science, Mathematics, Biostatistics, Physics, Engineering, Information Technology

Group 3 Health Science and Applied Health Sciences, e.g. theses in Medical Science, Medicine, Dentistry, Medical Technology, Public Health, Food and Nutrition, Nursing, Public Health, Sports Sciences, Environment and Resource, Medical Social Sciences

Group 4 Humanities, Social Science, Education and Liberal Arts, e.g. theses in Public Administration, Criminology, Justice Administration, Environment, Human Ecology and Social Ecology, Social Development, Demography, Behavioural Sciences, Educational

Technology, Administration Management, Curriculum and Instruction, Human Rights, Rehabilitation Service for Persons with Disabilities, Language, Religion, Culture, Folk Wisdom, Music

3.5 The application documents must be submitted online to the Faculty of Graduate Studies 2017 before the deadline.

3.5.1 Deadlines for Nominations for the Distinguished Thesis Awards

(Student are required to fill out the application form online)

Procedures	Period
Submission of application form and documents	From now on January-February 28, 2019
Announcement of the shortlisted candidates	May 2019
Oral presentation by the selected candidates	June 2019
Announcement of the Distinguished Thesis Awards	July 2019
The successful candidates will be given the Distinguished Thesis Awards on the Orientation Day, Academic Year 2019	August 8, 2019

3.5.2 The required documents are

1) Copies of the application form for the Distinguished Thesis Awards, completed by the candidates who are the theses' authors and containing specific details of the thesis: Rational of thesis research topic, Related literature and bibliography, Research objectives, Research methodology, Scope, Duration (in years and months), Research venue or locations where data were collected, Budget (please identify amount and source of scholarship if there are any) , Research conclusion, Initiative idea/ innovation, Research benefits, Publications, and Applications.

- The candidates who graduated from an international program must use an English application form.

- The candidates who graduated from a regular program may use either a Thai or English form.

2) Copies of the thesis abstract written in Thai and copies of the thesis abstract written in English

3) Copies of the thesis article published internationally in academic journals which are accepted in the field of study and recorded in academic databases, or copies of the thesis article published in the specific journals of that field.

4) Five (5) disc (the dissertation book, thesis abstract written in Thai and the thesis abstract written in English in word and pdf format, the thesis article published internationally in academic journals

If the application form and/or documents in 1)-4) are not complete, the candidates will be disqualified.

3.6 Candidates who pass the screening selection must give an oral presentation on the date set by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.

3.6.1 Candidates of an international program must give the presentation in English.

3.6.2 Candidates of a regular program must give the presentation either in Thai or in English.

4. Distinguished Thesis Award

4.1 Awards

Awards	Awardees	Major Advisor	Program Director
Distinguished Thesis Award Doctoral level / disciplinary group	25,000 Baht and a certificate	25,000 Baht and a certificate	A certificate
Distinguished Thesis Award Master's degree level /disciplinary group	15,000 Baht and a certificate	15,000 Baht and a certificate	A certificate
Outstanding Thesis Award Doctoral level / disciplinary group	12,500 Baht and a certificate	12,500 Baht and a certificate	A certificate
Outstanding Thesis Award Master's degree level / disciplinary group	7,500 Baht and a certificate	7,500 Baht and a certificate	A certificate

Remarks: Candidates who pass the screening selection and give an oral presentation will receive a certificate.

4.2 The Faculty of Graduate Studies will consider Distinguished Thesis Awards for the 4 Disciplinary Groups.

All rights not to grant the award to any groups are reserved by the Faculty of Graduate Studies when none of the nominees meet the evaluation criteria.

4.3 The Faculty of Graduate Studies Committee's decision is considered final.

5. Criteria for Selection

5.1 The thesis must be original, not duplicating previous theses, texts, or procedures.

5.2 The thesis must contain a clear hypothesis or thesis statement to be proved or disproved.

5.3 The thesis must use appropriate research methodology and instruments for finding evidence to test the hypothesis.

5.4 The written thesis must be in its final form and present the qualities of comprehensible research results and data.

5.5 The thesis must contain at least one of the following characteristics:

5.5.1 generating a new theory or idea or disproving a previous theory or making a significant contribution to a previous theory

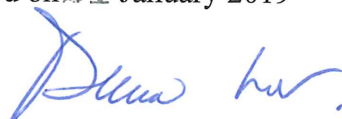
5.5.2 establishing a new procedure or new research instrument, disproving a previous procedure or instrument, or adding an essential point to them

5.5.3 discovering procedures of production, invention, administration, and services that are beneficial to the discipline or the manufacture of new products or contributing significant adaptations or improvements to previous procedures

6. Additional Enquiries

Please contact, Student Affair Section, The Faculty of Graduate Studies,
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