



Announcement

Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University

Subject: Outstanding Thesis Awards Promoting Mahidol University's SDGs Policies for the
Fiscal Year 2024

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the post-2015 global development objectives ratified by 193 United Nations member states, serving as a framework for national development consisting of three critical elements: Economic Growth, Social Inclusion, and Environmental Protection. To promote and support the advancement of sustainable development efforts, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, has established the program for Outstanding Thesis Awards that promote the university's SDGs policies for the fiscal year 2024. This award is dedicated to graduate students whose publication work responds to national and regional SDGs policy initiatives.

1. Objectives

- 1.1 To promote the production of high-quality theses in the field of sustainable development (SDGs).
- 1.2 To enhance the reputation of the programs.
- 1.3 To honor the students and their thesis advisers for their scholarship.
- 1.4 To serve as a mechanism for selecting exceptional theses to drive Mahidol University's SDGs policies and to disseminate public relations.

2. Eligibility for Receiving the Outstanding Thesis Award and Characteristics of the Thesis

- 2.1 Graduates of the Academic Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, who have completed their Master's or Doctoral degrees at Mahidol University and have the graduation approved by the University Council between the Meetings No. 595 – 599 (August – December 2023).
- 2.2 The thesis must have been researched and written by the graduates as per 2.1.
- 2.3 The thesis can be written in either English or Thai.
- 2.4 The thesis must relate to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- 2.5 The thesis should have been disseminated for public benefit in at least one of the following ways:

2.5.1 Published or accepted for publication in national or international academic journals. It is not necessary for the student's name to be first, but the published research article must state that it is based on a thesis from Mahidol University.

2.5.2 Converted into a patent or copyrighted.

2.5.3 Demonstrates the potential for utilization or has been utilized.

2.5.4 Presented in a national or international academic conference that meets the following standards:

- Organized by an organization or professional council.
- The conference includes a Peer Review process for Abstract Submission.
- The conference evaluation system uses a peer-reviewed full paper establishment and documentation in the form of academic conference proceedings.
- The session must not be organized by a commercial conference organizer.

In proposing the thesis for the award, eligible applicants must show consent and approval from their main thesis advisor and from the program chair.

3. Categories of Theses Proposed for the Award

Those proposing a thesis for the award must specify which SDGs-related issue the thesis falls under, based on the content of the research and the research methodology. In cases where the Selection Committee for the Outstanding Thesis deems the research to fall under the following SDGs-related topics:

- 3.1 Waste Management
- 3.2 Healthy and Sustainable Food Management
- 3.3 DEI: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- 3.4 Sustainable Energy
- 3.5 Sustainable Transportation
- 3.6 Other related issues

4. Schedule and Documents Required for Award Application

4.1 To apply for the Mahidol University Outstanding Thesis Award that promotes SDGs policy for the fiscal year of 2024, students must submit their applications online **within the**

timeframe set by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, along with the following supporting documents:

Application Procedure	Timeframe
Accepting application forms for the Outstanding Thesis Award	From now until March 29, 2024
Announcement of theses that have passed the preliminary selection	May 2024
Candidates who pass the preliminary selection to present their work orally (Oral presentation) organized by the Faculty of Graduate Studies	May 2024
Announcement of the results of the Outstanding Thesis selection	May 2024
Award recipients to present their work in Poster format at the academic conference organized by the Division of Planning , Office of the President	June 2024
Presentation of the Outstanding Thesis Awards	Notification will be given after the announcement of the award recipients.

4.2 Documents Required for Consideration of the Outstanding Thesis Award

Applicants must fill out the application form for the Outstanding Thesis Award online at <https://graduate.mahidol.ac.th/thai/?p=scholarship>

- For students in international programs, please provide the information in English.
- For students in standard programs, please provide the information in either English

or Thai.

Applicants are required to attach the following files:

- 1) One set of the thesis abstracts in English and one set in Thai (if available).
- 2) A PDF file summarizing the thesis of the award applicant, A4 size not to exceed 5

pages.

3) A set of publications related to the thesis published in recognized national and international academic journals that are accepted within the respective academic field and listed in international databases, or in certain specific academic journals.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies will use the complete version of the thesis file from the student's database which was submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for the purpose of graduation as part of the selection committee's consideration.

Incomplete applications, or lack of the required documents listed in 1) - 3), will lead to disqualification from the application process for the Mahidol University Outstanding Thesis Award that promotes SDGs policy for the fiscal year 2024.

4.3 Theses that pass the preliminary selection from the Selection Committee for the Outstanding Thesis that promotes SDGs will require the student authors to present their research orally (Oral presentation) on the date, time, and at the location specified by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

4.3.1 For students in international programs, the presentation should be in English.

4.3.2 For students in standard programs, the presentation can be in either English or Thai.

5. Thesis Awards

5.1 Award Value

Type of Award	Candidate	Primary Advisor
Doctoral Degree	30,000 baht and a certificate of honor	Honorary plaque
Master's Degree	20,000 baht and a certificate of honor	Honorary plaque

* Candidates who pass the preliminary selection by the Faculty of Graduate Studies' Selection Committee and present their research orally (Oral Presentation), but do not win an award, will receive a certificate of honor.

5.2 The Faculty of Graduate Studies reserves the right not to consider an award if the quality of any thesis submitted for the award does not meet the standards and criteria for evaluation.

5.3 The decision of the Selection Committee for the Outstanding Thesis of the Faculty of Graduate Studies is final and cannot be appealed.

6. Criteria for Awarding the Thesis

6.1 The thesis must demonstrate originality and not duplicate theses, textbooks, or methodologies that have been proposed before.

6.2 Clearly define the problems that need to be analyzed.

6.3 Select appropriate research methodologies and research tools.

6.4 The presentation of the work must be organized and follow the conventions of thesis presentation, with clear use of language or data presentation in the thesis volume.

6.5 The thesis work must have at least one of the following characteristics:

6.5.1 Lead to new theories or concepts, refute existing theories, or make significant modifications to existing theories.

6.5.2 Create new research methodologies or tools, refute existing research methodologies, or make significant improvements to existing research methodologies.

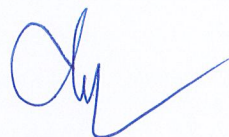
6.5.3 Discover new processes or techniques for production, invention, administration, services that benefit the field, or create new products and services, or make significant improvements to existing processes or techniques.

7. The Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies has discretion on a case-by-case basis concerning practices and conditions that cannot be carried out as announced.

8. Further Inquiries

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Appendix:
The 17 SDGs Goals

1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.
8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.
9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.
10. Reduce inequality within and among countries.
11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.
12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.
13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.
15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.
16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.