



## Announcement

The Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University

Innovative Thesis Award, Fiscal Year 2026

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The transformation of Thailand’s economic structure toward a “Value-Based Economy” involves steering the manufacturing sector toward innovative product development, driven by technology and creativity. This includes elevating the service sector into high-value services grounded in knowledge and expertise. This initiative aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically promoting sustained economic growth (SDG 8) and fostering resilient industry and innovation (SDG 9). 'Innovation' is the core driver of this transition, which must begin internally by enhancing innovation to strengthen the industrial, business, agricultural, service, and civil society sectors, as well as all associated networks. Recognizing this importance, the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University, has established the Distinguished Innovative Thesis Award for the Fiscal Year 2026.

### 1. Objectives

- 1.1 To promote the production of high-quality innovations of graduate students to enhance the economic development of the country.
- 1.2 To enhance the reputation of the relevant graduate programs and Mahidol University.
- 1.3 To recognise the student’s and their advisor’s innovation excellence.

### 2. Criteria for Innovative Thesis Award

- 2.1 The innovation discovered must be part of the thesis conducted by a Master’s or Doctoral graduate student of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.
- 2.2 The innovation must be applicable in various fields, particularly industrial sector, economic sector, agricultural sector, service sector, civil society sector, etc.
- 2.3 The innovation should have a potential to be patented and licensed.

2.4 The innovation should have the potential to be further enhanced and exercised for the economic development at the national level.

### 3. Nomination Procedures

#### 3.1 Eligible candidates

3.1.1 The candidate must hold a Master's or Doctoral degree in the academic years 2023 – 2024 and must be those graduating in the academic year 2025 (whose graduation approvals have been granted by the university council meetings No. 619-625, from August 2025 – February 2026).

3.1.2 The candidate must request the award nomination under the approval of his/her major advisor.

**3.1.3 The work submitted for the Innovative Thesis Award must not be the same as the work submitted for the Distinguished Thesis Award and Outstanding Thesis Awards Promoting Mahidol University's SDGs Policies.**

3.1.4 The candidate who has been awarded the Distinguished Thesis Award or the Innovative Thesis Award from the Faculty of Graduate Studies cannot apply again.

#### 3.2 The application must be submitted via online prior to the deadline.

##### 3.2.1 Schedule for the Innovative Thesis Award.

Process	Period
Submission of application form and documents	Now – April 30, 2026
Announcement of the shortlisted candidates	May 2026
Oral presentation by the selected candidates	June 2026
Announcement of The Innovative Thesis Awards	July 2026
The Innovative Thesis Awards Ceremony	To be announced

##### 3.2.2 Required Documents:

Online application at <https://graduate.mahidol.ac.th/scholarship-online/>

- International candidate must submit with English application form.
- Thai candidate may submit either Thai or English application form.

The candidate must attach following documents:

1) A brief details of his/her innovation, including rationale and importance, objectives, duration, budget ( amount and the source of funding – if any) , contributions, publications, and applicability for further enhancement and economic development at the national level.

2) A three- minute video clip featuring the presentation of the candidate' s innovation as stipulated in item 1) must be submitted to e-mail: abhichart.sri@mahidol.ac.th

Any candidates who fail to complete the application form and requirements as mentioned will forfeit his/her right toward the award nomination in the fiscal year 2026.

3.3 The candidate who passes the screening selection will be invited to conduct an oral presentation on the date set by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.

3.3.1 International candidate from an International must conduct the presentation in English.

3.3.2 Thai candidate may conduct the presentation either in Thai or in English.

#### 4. Distinguished Innovative Thesis Award

##### 4.1. Awards

Awards	Awardees	Major Advisor
Innovative Thesis Award (Distinguished) / 1 Award	50,000 Baht and a trophy	50,000 Baht and a trophy
Innovative Thesis Award (Excellent) / 1 Award	30,000 Baht and a trophy	30,000 Baht and a trophy
Innovative Thesis Award (Satisfactory) / 1 Award	15,000 Baht and a trophy	15,000 Baht and a trophy

\*Remarks: All candidates who pass the screening selection and give an oral presentation, will be offered a certificate.

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

4.3 The awarded innovation with the potential to be enhanced for commercial purposes, in accordance with the committee resolution will be provided further support for the development for commercial use.

## 5. Conditions for Award Recipients

Recipients of the Innovative Thesis Award are required to participate in presentation sessions as designated by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, such as the New Student Orientation, Scholarship Fair, and SDGs Fair.

**6. Any action or condition that could not be fulfilled according to this announcement is subjected to the final consideration of the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on a case-by-case basis.**

## 7. Additional Enquiries

For more information, please contact Student Affairs and Networking Development Section, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University (Salaya Campus) Tel: 0-2441-4125 ext. 600-603, or LINE Official ID: @451pslqw

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Apply for the award Online

