

Mae Fah Luang University Announcement

Subject: Nomination for Outstanding Dissertations and Theses Graduate Studies,

Mae Fah Luang University

To encourage graduate students in producing high quality research that meets international standards, and to further develop the research into innovations which can be practically implemented and economically valuable to the society as stated in the University strategic planning,

Mae Fah Luang University, pursuant to section 26 of the Mae Fah Luang University Act of 1998, article 6 and 24 under the regulations of finance and property management B.E. 2560, issued Announcement of Nomination for Outstanding Dissertations and Theses of Graduate Studies in the following statements:

- 1. This announcement is "Mae Fah Luang University Announcement on the Subject of Nomination for Outstanding Dissertations and Theses of Graduate Studies, Mae Fah Luang University"
 - 2. The objectives of nomination are:
- 2.1 To encourage graduate students in creating innovations and producing high quality research;
 - 2.2 To honor the excellence of students and their advisors;
- 2.3 To enhance the reputation of the relevant graduate programs, Schools and the University, and
 - 2.4 To promote the educational standards of Graduate Studies.
 - 3. Criteria for Dissertation and Thesis Nominations
- 3.1 The dissertation or thesis must be conducted and authored by graduate students of Mae Fah Luang University.
 - 3.2 It must be written in Thai or in English.

- 3.3 It must be in one of these conditions:
- (1) It is published in a national or international academic journal. The student must be the first author, and Mae Fah Luang University must be affiliated in the article.
 - (2) It is filed for a patent/petty patent.
 - (3) It is used or has high potential for a specific application.
- 3.4 It must not have been awarded by Mae Fah Luang University, national or international organizations.
- 3.5 Graduate students who are the dissertations or theses author must agree to apply for nomination. They must specify the field of nomination categorized in the following disciplinary groups:

Fields of Science and Technology (School of Science, School of Information Technology, School of Agro-Industry, and School of Cosmetic Science)

Fields of Health Science (School of Health Science, School of Anti-Aging and Regenerative Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Medicine, and School of Dentistry)

Fields of Humanities and Social Sciences (School of Liberal Arts, School of Management, School of Law, School of Sinology, and School of Social Innovation)

- 4. Outstanding Dissertation and Thesis awards
- 4.1 Nominees who win the award will receive a certificate and money in the specific amount as stated below:

An award for the most outstanding dissertation is 30,000 baht/disciplinary group

An award for the most outstanding thesis is 20,000 baht/ disciplinary group

- 4.2 Advisors of the awarded dissertations and theses will receive a certificate.
- 5. Criteria for Selection
- 5.1 The dissertation or thesis must be original, not duplicating previous dissertations, theses, textbooks or procedures.
- 5.2 The dissertation or thesis must contain a clear hypothesis or a statement to be proved or disproved.
- 5.3 The dissertation or thesis must use an appropriate research methodology and instruments for finding evidence to test the hypothesis.

- 5.4 The dissertation or thesis must be written in correct format with clear explanation according to the dissertation and thesis standard practices.
- 5.5 The dissertation or thesis must contain at least one of the following characteristics:
- (1) Generating a new theory or idea; disproving previous theory, or making a significant contribution to a previous theory;
- (2) Establishing a new procedure or a new research instrument; disproving a previous procedure or a research instrument, or adding essential point to them, or
- (3) Discovering procedures of production, invention, administration, and services that are beneficial to the discipline or the manufacture of new products; contributing significant adaptations or improvements to previous procedures.
- 5.6 The dissertation or thesis must be published in an academic journal, accredited nationally or internationally, or acquire a patent or have a high potential use.
 - 6. Committee for Dissertation and Thesis Selection
- 6.1 The names of committee shall be proposed by Graduate Studies, committee then the committee shall be appointed by the University President. There shall be at least 7 committee which are selected according to the following criteria:
 - (1) at least 2 persons from the Graduate Committee of the School, and
 - (2) at least 5 experts from that specific group of disciplinary

One of them shall be selected as a committee head, and the head of Graduate Studies must be appointed as a secretary of the committee.

- 6.2 Selection results from the Committee are absolute decisions. The awardee list shall be submitted to the Graduate Studies Committee before announcing.
- 7. Before an annual announcement of the award nominations, the Graduate Studies Committee must set criteria of eligible nominees.
- 8. In case where there is problem in complying with this announcement, the President is solely authorized to make final decisions.

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