



Special Doctorate Award

The regulations for doctorate courses at the UPF state that the academic units of the doctorate programmes can ask the University to grant a special doctorate award.

This document describes the procedure regulating how the Department selects the theses for it which requests the special award.

1. Announcement

The Academic Committee will announce a Special Doctorate Award from among the group of ten theses in accordance with the UPF regulations.

The call will be made **twelve months after the ten theses have been defended** and approved, so that during this period, **there is sufficient time to consider the impact of the works in their field of study** and what academic and scientific publications have originated from that thesis.

The Academic Committee will allow a period of one month for the presentation of candidates from among the ten theses eligible for the Award. **The award is only open to the authors of the theses in this group who have obtained at least two excellent cum laude distinctions** when defending their thesis.

The Academic Committee will notify the candidates who are eligible for the award, reminding them of the documentation **they must present**:

1. Application for the special Award.
2. Short report on the main contributions of the thesis and its impact in its field.

2. Selection of the candidate

The Academic Committee will designate an ad hoc committee for each Special Doctorate Award. This committee will consist of three doctors with acknowledged experience in research. **These doctors cannot be the supervisors of the theses involved.**

The members of the jury selected must represent the various disciplinary areas of the Department (Political Sciences, Socio-demography, and Social Psychology), and reflect gender balance. A president, member and secretary will be designated.

3. Decision and presentation of the award

When making its assessment, the Committee will consider the doctoral thesis and the **brief report on the main contributions** made by the thesis and the **impact** it has had in its field (publications related to the PhD).

Within three months of the end of the presentation period for candidatures the Committee for Granting Special Awards will vote and decide the winner. The ruling must be accompanied by a reasoned report.

There are three criteria to be taken into account in this **report**:

1. Excellence
2. Contributions to the field of study,
3. Social impact and recognition of the academic and scientific impact of the theses presented.

The decision of the committee is final.

After the decision has been made, the Department will present the request to the University's Governing Board (*Escola de Doctorat*).

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