

Terms and conditions for the 2022 Award for Best Interdisciplinary Thesis

Introduction

Tackling the complex challenges facing society today often requires the intervention of more than one area of knowledge, which is why projects of an interdisciplinary nature are proving more essential than ever in the world of research. Following this line of thought, we define interdisciplinarity as the interaction that occurs between two or more disciplines as they frame new holistic approaches to certain issues and overcome their individual limitations in the process. For the purpose of these terms and conditions, we will maintain a broad perspective and therefore also accept transdisciplinary approaches; in other words, those that transcend frontiers and venture into entirely new areas of knowledge.

The award is outlined in action plan 04. UOC R&I 0402. Transdisciplinarity of the UOC's Strategic Plan 2017-2020, which aims to foster interdisciplinary collaborations. The nature of these collaborations often make them highly complex, costly and risky. However, when successful they have the potential for even higher societal benefits.

To bolster this line of work, the UOC Doctoral School is giving out a special award for the best interdisciplinary thesis for the 2021/2022 academic year.

Terms and conditions

All doctoral theses defended through any programme at the UOC Doctoral School are eligible as long as they comply with the following conditions:

- The thesis must have been successfully defended during the 2021/2022 academic year (from September 1st, 2021, to August 31st, 2022).
- The thesis must be published (or submitted for publication) in the UOC's institutional repository, O2.
- The author of the thesis must possess an ORCID identifier.

Additional information:

- The thesis may have been written by either a full-time or part-time doctoral student.
- The award comes with a gross monetary prize of €500.

Deadlines and format

Anyone interested in being considered for the award should send a PDF of their doctoral thesis, together with a separate document (three-page maximum) containing:

- An abstract of the thesis.
- Specific arguments substantiating the interdisciplinary nature of the project.
- A list of the researchers and research groups involved.

The deadline for submitting the two documents mentioned above is: 17 November 2022.

The expected date on which the results will be published is: 29 November 2022.

Please send the documents to the following email address: phd_school@uoc.edu.

Selection committee

The members of the selection committee are:

- Dr. Christine Appel, Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.
- Dr. Rubén Nieto Luna, Professor at the Faculty of Health Sciences.
- Dr. Carles Prado Fonts, Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

They will assess the proposals based on the following criteria:

- Degree of interdisciplinarity.
- Scientific results.
- Societal impact.
- Collaborations with other institutions.
- Interest of the research.
- Publication record from the thesis.