

Prizes for Excellence in Doctoral Thesis Supervision

2016 call for nominations

Aim

The creation of these prizes is intended to recognise the work carried out by University of Alcalá teaching staff towards achieving results in the field of researcher training.

The prizes have the following goals:

- To stimulate and give visibility to quality doctoral thesis supervision.
- To take the prize-winners as models for other supervisors.
- To be a means of encouraging teaching staff to constantly give the best of themselves and thus to continue achieving good results.

Budget allocation

The total amount made available for these prizes from the UAH Doctoral School's budget will be two thousand euros (€2,000).

Categories and subcategories

A total of four prizes will be awarded in two categories and two subcategories:

1. Categories:

- Prize for "senior" supervisors, for those who, on the date the prize call is published, are 40 years of age or older.
- Prize for "junior" supervisors, for those who, on the date the prize call is published, are under the age of 40.

2. Subcategories:

Each category will be divided into two subcategories:

- Prizes for supervisors in the fields of the sciences, health sciences, engineering and architecture.
- Prizes for supervisors in the fields of the humanities and legal and social sciences.

Requirements for candidates

All thesis supervisors may compete for the prizes who, on the date the prize call is published, have been members of the UAH's teaching and research staff for at least three years.

In order to compete for the prize, the candidates must be nominated. Nominations must be accompanied by all the documents necessary for the jury to make its decision. Nominations may be made by the following sponsors:

- The academic committee of a doctoral programme, which may only nominate one candidate in each category.
- A research group recognised by the University of Alcalá, which may only nominate one candidate in each category.
- Doctoral students who have completed their studies on or after 1 January 2014. These may nominate their own thesis supervisor.

Nominations

Nominations must be made by completing the form which is available on the Doctoral School's web page and addressed to the Doctoral School before 14.00 on 21 October 2016. The nomination and documents may be sent by email to escuela.doctorado@uah.es.

Jury

The jury will be composed of five members:

- The vice-rector with responsibility for doctoral studies
- The vice-rector with responsibility for research
- The Director of the Doctoral School
- Two members of the Doctoral School's Managing Committee.

No coordinator of a doctoral programme from which there is a candidate may sit on the jury.

Selection criteria

- Number and detail of nominations.
- Quality of doctoral theses supervised. This will be assessed on the grounds of:
 - Scientific contributions (articles, books or book chapters, patents, etc) stemming from the doctoral theses.
 - Scholarships or contracts obtained by the doctoral students.
 - Theses awarded *cum laude* distinction.
 - Co-tutelage doctoral theses.
 - International doctorate mentions.
 - Extraordinary prizes for doctoral theses.

- Other merits.

Those who have won the prize in previous editions cannot be nominated.

The jury's decisions will be final.

Prizes

The prizes awarded to thesis supervisors will bear no monetary value for the winners. However, the prize-winner's department or research group will receive the amount of 500 €, which will be paid into the cost centre indicated by the prize-winner to be used for research expenses. A certificate will also be awarded.

Prizes may be declared void.

The prizes cannot be shared. There will be no runner-up awards.

Prize giving

The prize will be awarded in November, during the ceremony of the *Annua commemoratio cisneriana*.

Participation in this competition implies acceptance of these rules.