

BEYKOZ UNIVERSITY
BEST MASTER PROJECT, MASTER THESIS AND DOCTORATE THESIS OF THE
YEAR AWARD PRINCIPLES

Purpose and Scope

ARTICLE 1 - (1) The purpose of these implementation principles is to improve the quality of graduate programs carried out within Beykoz University Graduate Programs Institute, to enable the graduate programs to produce output and to increase their learning outcomes by encouraging graduate students.

Base

(2) These principles regulate the issues regarding the Best Master's Term Project Award of the Year, Best Master's Thesis Award of the Year and the Best Doctoral Thesis Award of the Year.

Coordination and Management

ARTICLE 2 - (1) The coordination and management of the award of the Best Master's Term Project of the Year, Best Master's Thesis of the Year and Best Doctoral Thesis of the Year awards are carried out by the Graduate Programs Institute.

Selection and Evaluation

ARTICLE 3 - (1) Best Master's Term Project Award of the Year, Best Master Thesis Award of the Year and Best Doctoral Thesis Award of the Year are given once a year separately. Awards are given at the end of the academic year.

(2) Master's term projects, master's theses and doctoral theses completed within the academic year in question are all automatically candidates for the award in their category.

ARTICLE 4 - (1) A master's term project, master's thesis or doctoral thesis must meet the conditions for evaluation in order to be evaluated for the award in its category. The condition of evaluation is that the graduate term project in question is submitted to the Graduate Programs Institute within the normal period of the master's thesis or doctoral thesis (without additional time), its presentation and evaluation has been made before the jury and evaluated successfully by the jury. Projects and theses that are considered unsuccessful by the jury or given additional time to be completed are not evaluated for the award.

(2) Best Master's Term Project of the Year, Best Master's Thesis of the Year and Best Doctoral Thesis of the Year Awards are evaluated at the end of the academic year. Projects and theses completed in the first semester and in the second semester are taken into consideration for the academic year in question.

(3) Evaluation and selection for the Best Master's Term Project of the Year, Best Master's Thesis of the Year and Best Doctoral Thesis of the Year Awards are made in two stages. The first stage is made by the faculty members who form the relevant project or thesis jury, and the second stage evaluation is made by the award jury.

(4) Award jury is determined by the Institute Administrative Board. The number of award jury members is determined by the Institute Administrative Board. A separate award jury can be created for each award category, or an award jury (graduate semester project and an award jury for the master's thesis) can be created as a separate award jury for the doctorate or a single award jury for all categories. If necessary, the Institute Administrative Board may undertake the duties of the award jury.

(5) In the first stage, each of the term project and the lecturers in the juries of the theses, which

provide the condition for evaluation for the award, evaluate the term project or thesis submitted after the term project and the thesis presentation. Evaluation is done by giving points over certain evaluation criteria. As the evaluation criteria, the suitability of the title of the project or thesis to the work done, the conformity to the spelling guide (command of expression and language, format, form and tables, bibliography and references, appendices), suitability of the content (introduction and purpose, general information and literature review, method, findings, discussion and evaluation, result), the adequacy and appropriateness of resources, and the overall evaluation of the study (the importance of the study, its originality, its contribution to the field or science, the importance of findings and results, and the effect of findings and results) are used.

(6) In the second stage, an evaluation score is calculated for each of the projects and theses evaluated based on the weighted average of the scores given by the faculty members who evaluate in the first stage. Weights of evaluation criteria are determined by the institute. The evaluated projects and theses are ranked by the institute in their category (master's term project, master's thesis and doctoral thesis categories), and at least 3 (with the highest evaluation score for each category), at most 5 projects and theses are determined and evaluated by the award jury in the second stage.

(7) The award jury reevaluates the term projects and theses selected for the category in question using the evaluation criteria used in the first stage and selects one for each award category to give the award in that category. The award jury reports the evaluation result to the Graduate Programs Institute with a report. In the report, the projects evaluated by the jury and the project selected for the award are specified.

Award Certificate

ARTICLE 5 - (1) The award certificate is given to the Best Master's Term Project Award of the Year, Best Master Thesis Award of the Year and Best Doctoral Thesis Award of the Year, for the selected term project or thesis. Awarded projects and thesis studies are evaluated to be published in Beykoz University Publications.

Enforcement and Execution

ARTICLE 6 - (1) These application principles come into force upon the acceptance of the Beykoz University Senate.

(2) This application is executed by the Rector of Beykoz University.