

Sustainability award for theses -

General information and criteria

I. General Information

- A maximum of six prizes will be awarded; at least one and up to three prizes in the two categories:
 - a. Bachelor
 - b. Master, Magister, Diploma, State Examination
- Additionally, one prize will be awarded in the **dissertation** category.
- The submissions will be evaluated by a jury composed of members of the Advisory Board for Sustainable Development and, if applicable, additional subject-matter experts.
- In the case of jury membership of supervisors: Jury members who have supervised a submitted thesis abstain from discussing and evaluating the work in question.

II. Criteria

- The thesis must have been completed with at least a “good” grade (2.0 or better).
- Writing an explanatory summary (two to three pages):
Explanation of the research approach, definition of sustainability as used in the thesis, results and relevance of the work to issues of sustainable development
- The thesis must make a theoretically or practically relevant and outstanding contribution to the field of sustainable development.
- Creativity of work:
Identification and addressing research gaps
- Connectivity and practicability of the work:
Transferability into practice, applicability to other disciplines
- Conceptual depth and self-reflection by the applicant:
Critical reflection on the question “What does my topic have to do with sustainable development?”; centrality of the concept of sustainable development within the thesis
- Secondary criterion: interdisciplinary connections:
Interdisciplinary work, relevance of interdisciplinary aspects in the work
- The work itself does not have to be interdisciplinary, but it must offer points of contact in the above sense, and this must be indicated in the overview.

III. Required Application Documents

- Cover letter
- Final thesis
- Explanatory summary (see II. Criteria)
- Letter of recommendation for the sustainability award for theses from the supervisor (not a formal academic evaluation of the thesis!)
- Copy of the (provisional) degree certificate