

Call for Applications

Óbuda University Innovation Office – Award for Innovative Theses/Dissertations

Win a Technical Voucher Worth up to 250,000 HUF!

Óbuda University's Innovation Office announces a call for applications!

All undergraduate and master's students of Óbuda University who successfully defended their thesis/dissertation in the 2024/2025 academic year (either in the first or second semester) are eligible to participate.

There are no restrictions regarding the subject of the thesis/dissertation: it may involve the design and development of a product prototype, the creation of a marketable service, or a design project.

For submission, only an approving online statement/recommendation from the supervisor confirming eligibility for the competition is required.

Key evaluation criteria:

- Innovativeness and novelty of the solution or result described in the thesis/dissertation
- Marketability and gap-filling role of the development
- Soundness of the economic calculations
- Quality and level of elaboration

The University provides the one-time support in the form of vouchers redeemable at technical retail stores, up to the awarded amount.

The competition aims to strengthen the innovation ecosystem of Óbuda University.

Submission deadline: September 15, 2025, 23:59 CET

Application

In case of questions or issues, please contact the Innovation Office at: innovacio@uni-obuda.hu

Contact:

Purpose of the call

The aim is to recognize theses/dissertations that present innovative solutions and results, and to encourage their implementation. There are no thematic restrictions: the work may relate to the design and development of a product prototype, the creation of a marketable service,

or a design project, in line with the broad interpretation of innovation as defined in the OECD Oslo Manual.¹

Scope of applicants

All undergraduate and master's students who successfully defended their thesis/dissertation at Óbuda University in the 2024/2025 academic year (semester I or II) are eligible to apply. Active student status is not a requirement for participation.

The call is announced in two categories:

- a) Undergraduate thesis successfully defended in a bachelor's program
- b) Master's thesis successfully defended in a master's program

Exclusion criteria

No support may be granted to applicants:

- a) who failed to account for previously awarded support or did not fulfill repayment obligations;
- b) who are found to have submitted false or misleading information materially affecting the professional or financial content of the application;
- c) for whom any conflict of interest under Section 48/B of the Public Finance Act applies.

Available funding

At the time of announcement, the planned total budget for awards is 500,000 HUF per category, allocated as follows:

- 1st Prize: 250,000 HUF
 - 2nd Prize: 150,000 HUF
 - 3rd Prize: 100,000 HUF
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Form of support

The competition is part of developing Óbuda University's innovation ecosystem. Support is granted in the form of vouchers redeemable at technical retail stores, up to the awarded amount. The jury reserves the right not to award all prizes.

Submission process

Applications must be submitted via the designated online form before the deadline. Applicants must upload their thesis/dissertation in PDF format.

Before submission, the applicant must request an online statement/recommendation from their supervisor confirming that the work meets the competition's requirements.

Applications will be rejected without review if:
a) submitted after the deadline;
b) they do not meet the formal requirements specified in the call.

During the application process, one opportunity will be provided for correction of deficiencies.

Content and format requirements

Applications must include:

- Applicant's details
 - Thesis/dissertation in PDF format
 - A cover letter including the abstract of the work
 - Any attachments supporting the innovative aspects of the thesis/dissertation
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Evaluation

Applications will be reviewed by a professional jury no later than October 10, 2025.

Announcement of results

All applicants will be notified of the results and the award ceremony date individually.

All awardees will also have the opportunity to further develop their thesis/dissertation idea within a mentorship program, with the guidance of experienced mentors who are both professionally and pedagogically prepared. The aim of the mentoring is to enable ideas to serve as the foundation for launching and successfully growing a business.

Main evaluation criteria

- Innovativeness and applicability of the solution or result described in the thesis/dissertation
- Marketability and gap-filling role of the development
- Soundness of the economic calculations
- Quality and level of elaboration

Particular emphasis will be placed on the application summary during evaluation.

Decision and notification

Applicants will be notified by the Innovation Office within 5 working days after the decision in both categories, via e-mail.

Footnote

¹ *Organizational innovations are also included, such as new organizational methods in business practices, workplace organization, or external relations (OECD Oslo Manual).*