Utrecht University Student Award Regulations, Best Master’s Thesis category (2016-2017)

1. The jury will evaluate only Master’s theses assessed at Utrecht University between 31 May 2016 and 31 May 2017 and written by authors who were registered as a student at Utrecht University between 31 May 2016 and 31 May 2017.

2. Participants are presumed to be familiar with and agree to these regulations.

3. A minimum mark of 8.5 must have been awarded for the theses submitted.

4. The thesis must be submitted in its original and graded form.

5. The thesis submitted must be accompanied by a statement from the Director of Education or the Research Director of the Master’s programme for which the thesis was written. Only one thesis can be submitted per Master’s programme.

6. All nominations must be made by June 1st 2017 at the latest, complete with the required appendices, by e-mail (onderwijsonderzoek@uu.nl), plus nine copies send to UU Corporate Offices, Academic Affairs Office, attn the Student Awards Jury, Best Master’s Thesis category, Postbus 80125, Heidelberglaan 8, 3508 TC Utrecht. Incomplete nominations will not be considered. Those who submit nominations will receive confirmation of receipt.

7. Nominations will not be returned to the sender.

8. The nomination must be written in Dutch or in English.

9. The jury may deviate from the above if a substantiated request is submitted to that effect.

10. The jury will assess the nominations and determine a maximum of four candidates, including the winner. The jury may seek advice from external experts.

11. Submissions are assessed for their academic quality and originality.

12. The winner will receive an award which consists of a certificate and €1,500.

13. There will be no correspondence regarding the jury’s decision.

14. The results will be announced during the Opening of the Academic Year. The candidates and Directors of Education and/or the Research Director will be informed in advance of candidacy. The results will be published on the UU-website.

15. Submissions must include the following details:
   - Name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and date of birth of the author.
   - Name of the Master’s programme, (planned) graduation date and title of the thesis.
   - Names and titles, telephone numbers, and email addresses of the Director of Education or Research Directors and the thesis supervisors.

16. The submission must include the following appendices:
   - A letter of recommendation, stating why the thesis meets the criteria of academic quality and originality.
   - A summary of the thesis of max. 2 A4 pages, written by the student and understandable to the layman, either in Dutch or in English.
   - A curriculum vitae for the nominated candidate of max. 1 A4.

17. All cases not provided for by these regulations will be decided by the chairman of the jury.