

First edition of the Best Iberian Doctoral Theses on Multicriteria Decision Making Award

The *Spanish Working Group on Multicriteria Decision Making* (SWG-MCDM) and the *Associação Portuguesa de Investigação Operacional* (APDIO) announce the first edition of the Best Iberian Doctoral Theses on MCDM/MCDA Award. There are two such awards for the best two doctoral theses in the field of multicriteria decision making/analysis, one defended at a Spanish university and another one defended at a Portuguese university. These awards aim to stimulate research and scientific innovation and disseminate high quality scientific work in this discipline.

The Best Iberian Doctoral Theses on MCDM/MCDA Award rules are as follows:

1. Submission of nominations:

The deadline for submission of nominations is **March 1, 2025 (inclusive)**.

Doctoral theses defended at Spanish and Portuguese universities from **July 2022** until the deadline for receipt of applications will be admitted. Theses written in Spanish, Portuguese or English will be accepted.

2. Documentation to be submitted by the candidates:

The candidate has to send the following documentation (in **pdf format**) by e-mail to SGW-MCDM coordinator Antonio Jiménez (antonio.jimenez@upm.es) by the established deadline:

- Doctoral dissertation
- A 4-page summary of the doctoral thesis in the pre-established format: font (Title: Times New Roman, 16pt; Text: Times New Roman, 12pt), single spacing, standard margins (top and bottom: 2.5 cm, left and right: 3 cm).
- Candidate's curriculum vitae
- Copy of the degree certificate, International Mention (if applicable) and Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Award (if awarded)
- List of accepted/submitted publications resulting from the doctoral thesis, with their respective full references and associated impact factor
- Letter from the thesis supervisor(s) (appraising the thesis and endorsing that the specified contributions derive directly from the thesis)
- Letter of recommendation (optional)

3. Evaluation

The evaluation panel will consist of four high-ranking Spanish (two) and Portuguese (two) researchers in the field of Multicriteria Decision Making/Analysis, who will not have supervised theses by the candidates applying for the awards.

The theses will be assessed according to the following general criteria:

- a) scientific quality
- b) originality
- c) appropriateness of the topics to the scope of the awards (MCDM/MCDA).

The panel's decisions will be final and cannot be overturned.

The evaluation panel will decide on the awards by **April 1, 2025**, and may not make the awards (if no suitable applications are received).

Evaluation panel: Prof. Herminia I. Calvete Hernández (University of Zaragoza), Prof. Luís Dias (University of Coimbra), Prof. Miguel Ángel Hinojosa Ramos (University Pablo Olavide) and Prof. Mónica Oliveira (University of Lisbon).

4. Announcement of awards

As soon as the awards have been decided, the winning theses will be made public via the SWG-MCDM and APDIO web sites, distribution lists and other relevant media (ASEPUMA, ASEPELT, AEPIA, BEIO...).

The winning theses will be presented by their authors during a special session at the 1st Iberian Conference on Multicriteria Decision Making/Analysis in Coimbra (May 8-9, 2025), where the diplomas will also be awarded. The two award winners will be entitled to free registration and accommodation in Coimbra.

The two awards are endowed with 400 euros each one, funded by ASEPUMA (the Spanish Association of University Professors of Mathematics for Economics and Business).

5. Further information

Requests for additional information or clarifications should be addressed to SWG-MCDM coordinator Antonio Jiménez (antonio.jimenez@upm.es).