

## Thesis Award 2026

*How will we organise the 2026 Thesis Award?*

1. **Every faculty selects one graduation product** that deserves a prize on behalf of the faculty. This applies to the **2025/2026 graduates**.
2. **The faculties decide who represents the faculty and the criteria for choosing this graduation product.** It may be a classical thesis, a game, a professional product or any other type of final product. The faculty is completely free to choose.
3. **Open Access** of the product (via the HBO Knowledge Base) is not a requirement in 2026. However, this will obviously ensure that the graduation product receives the broad attention that you believe it deserves.  
Furthermore, the Executive Board has established Open Access for all THUAS products as a general principle. This is in line with the Netherlands Association of Universities of Applied Sciences' position on Open Access. So it would be a nice bonus if Open Access could be made available for (a version of) the end product.
4. The name(s) (in case of a group product) of the faculty's selection should be submitted via [prijzenparade@hhs.nl](mailto:prijzenparade@hhs.nl) **by or on behalf of the dean by Thursday the 9th of July at the latest.** Only one entry per faculty is allowed.
5. Please provide us with the following information by email via [prijzenparade@hhs.nl](mailto:prijzenparade@hhs.nl).
  - a. the name of the student/students (if a group) and their (non-THUAS) email address(es)
  - b. the title of the graduation product
  - c. the name of the degree programme
  - d. the name and email address of the graduation supervisor or the person who nominated the student on behalf of the degree programme
  - e. the type of product (thesis, game, professional product, etc.)
  - f. whether the thesis (or a summary or video clip, etc. of another type of graduation product) can be made available for open access in the HBO Knowledge Base
  - g. in case of Open Access: please send that product (or film etc.) as an attachment with the registration email
  - h. **And last but certainly not least: a short justification of the nomination.** Your own criteria can be incorporated in this

The student and the graduation product nominated by each faculty will be placed in the spotlight on the 3<sup>th</sup> of September during the Opening of the Academic Year and rewarded with a small gift. We will not select a winner from the nominated faculty winners.