

**Award for the best Master's
Final Project in Sustainable
Finance –
Third Edition**

UPF Barcelona School of Management Chair of
Sustainable Finance



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UPF-BSM AWARD FOR THE BEST TFM IN SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Bases of the 3rd edition of the UPF-BSM Award for the Best Master's Thesis in Sustainable Finance, created within the framework of the Chair of Sustainable Finance in collaboration with TRIODOS BANK.

1. Object and Purpose

The Chair in Sustainable Finance, created by the UPF *Barcelona School of Management* (hereinafter *UPF-BSM*) in collaboration with TRIODOS BANK, has the vision of achieving a stable and resilient financial sector that contributes to a people-centered economy and the maintenance of life on the planet. Its mission is to promote and contribute to the debate and action in sustainable finance with a theoretical-practical approach, and in an independent manner.

This same committee announces the third edition of the Award for the best Master's Final Project (hereinafter *AWARD*) that addresses the theme of Sustainable Finance, directly or indirectly, with the aim of promoting and giving them visibility.

2. Requirements to participate in this AWARD

Participation is open to any Master's student, whether university or own degree, enrolled in a public or private university or educational institution recognized by the Spanish authorities and authorized to grant academic degrees in Spain.

Students of any nationality may apply.

If any of the candidates is a partner, administrator, employee and/or collaborator of UPF-BSM and/or TRIODOS BANK, or of any company or entity directly linked to them; or is a relative, ascendant, descendant, spouse or common-law partner, up to the second degree of consanguinity or affinity of employees of either of these two entities, you will not be able to participate.

The mere participation implies full acceptance of the entire content of these Bases and the non-acceptance of any of the points that make up these Bases implies the resignation to participate in this prize and, in case of being selected and / or awarded, the automatic resignation to the same. Failure by any participant to comply with the conditions established in these Rules will mean the automatic cancellation of their participation.

Likewise, any false information or indications of falsehood, multiple participations, or fraud, will result in the immediate disqualification of the participant and, where appropriate, the obligation to return the prize if it has already been delivered.

UPF-BSM reserves the right to justifiably eliminate any participant who defrauds, alters, or hinders the proper functioning and normal development of this AWARD.

3. Masters's Final Project Requirements

The Master's Final Projects (hereinafter MFP) must have been developed during the 2023-2024 academic year.

The MFP may be individual or group and may be unidisciplinary or multidisciplinary.

The MFP must be written in Spanish, Catalan, or English.

MFP submitted for this AWARD cannot have been submitted or submitted to any other selection or award process. However, they are released from this commitment if they have not been selected as finalists.

4. Registration and delivery of the works

The deadline for registration and presentation of the MFP is October 10th, 2024. No deliveries will be accepted after this date.

To make the registration effective or to solve any query, an e-mail must be sent to FinanzasSostenibles@bsm.upf.edu attaching the information detailed below:

- Summary sheet containing:
 - a. Name of the participants,
 - b. university or educational institution,
 - c. topic of the MFP and
 - d. name of the person who has supervised or tutored the work and its contact email.
- Document summarizing the relevance of the project (max. 1,500 characters, including links to any additional material considered relevant).
- Document of the adequacy of the project to the lines of research of the Chair of Sustainable Finance (maximum 1,500 characters).
- Memory of the MFP in *pdf format.
- Curriculum Vitae of the student/s who have elaborated it.
- Letter of recommendation from anyone who has tutored or supervised the TFM.

All MFP must comply with the rules of presentation of these bases.

5. Evaluation criteria

Once the deadline for submission of the MFP's has expired, all the works will be evaluated to determine their quality taking into account the following evaluation criteria:

1.- Actuality and relevance of the topics covered

It will be considered current and relevant if the submitted MFP addresses the current issues of Sustainable Finance and its impact on people and the environment.

2.- Quality of the submitted MFP report

The quality of the project presented in the final phase, its originality and adaptation to the parameters of Sustainable Finance will be valued.

3.- Project implementation capacity

The executive dimension of the project will be considered, the fact that it incorporates clues about its possible effective realization in its territory of origin.

4.- Academic quality

The MFP submitted must comply with the formal requirements of the TFM of the universities of origin of the participants.

UPF-BSM reserves the right to declare this AWARD void if the Selection Committee deems it appropriate. The prize may also be awarded ex aequo, as well as second prizes recognizing the merit of the work.

6. Financial endowment of the AWARD and award ceremony

The PRIZE is endowed with a total financial contribution from UPF-BSM of 2. 000 euros for the winning project. If the winning project is an MFP carried out in a group, the amount of the award will be distributed equally among its components.

The winners will be invited to an award ceremony in which they will present their MFP in a public session.

The award ceremony will be held in June 2025.

Travel and living expenses will be borne by the awardees.

7. Jury and selection procedure

The selection jury will be composed of a Selection Committee that for this edition will be formed by the following members:

- 2 members of the Academic Council of the Chair.
- 2 members of the Chair Team.

You can access the website [Chair's website](#) for more information about its components.

The UPF-BSM Academic Secretary will act as secretary.

The Allocation Committee will award the AWARD according to the evaluation criteria set forth for in these rules.

After the appropriate deliberation, the Committee will issue the decision on the assignment of the AWARD. The Committee's decision cannot be appealed.

The Committee may summon the finalists to a preliminary interview if it considers it so and will resolve any issue not foreseen in these rules.

8. Resolution and publication of results

The final resolution, which must list the winners of the AWARD, will be communicated individually to each of them by e-mail.

9. Tax treatment

The AWARD obtained in these Bases does not meet the requirements required by article 7 of Law 35/2006, of November 28, on personal income tax, to be exempt from taxation, and consequently the UPF-BSM will make the appropriate withholdings in each case.

10.- Image and dissemination rights

The awarded participants expressly consent to UPF-BSM the reproduction, use, publication, and dissemination of their image in any media, including internet and social networks of UPF-BSM, for advertising and promotional purposes exclusively in relation to their status as finalists of this AWARD, without such activities conferring on them the right to remuneration or any benefit, except for the delivery of the prize obtained in accordance with these rules.

11. Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights

Each candidate or participant guarantees UPF-BSM to be the author and owner of all rights, both intellectual and industrial property (trademarks, logos, designs, content, etc.) that are included or used in the projects submitted. Participants declare that they will not infringe the intellectual or industrial property rights or any other right that may be held by any third party in Spain or abroad over the contents, exempting UPF-BSM from any liability. UPF-BSM will not be responsible for the non-compliance of any rule or any infringement of third-party rights made by the participants within the framework of this AWARD.

12. Data protection

12.1.- Basic information on Data Protection.

12.1.1.- Responsible

The party responsible for the processing of the personal data of the participant in this AWARD is the FUNDACIÓN INSTITUTO DE EDUCACIÓN CONTINUA (hereinafter, "UPF-BSM"), a private foundation owner of the private higher education center, attached to the Pompeu Fabra University called "Barcelona School of Management", with registered office in Barcelona, C / Balmes, 132.134, 08008 and with contact email for the purposes of protection of personal

12.1.2.- Purposes and legitimacy

UPF-BSM will process the personal data of the participants, by virtue of the execution of these legal bases to regulate participation in the AWARD for the following purposes:

1. To analyze the suitability of the participants and to be able to carry out an allocation process for the possible awarding of the prize.
2. To ensure that participants meet the requirements throughout the process.
3. Proceed with the corresponding payments in case of being awarded the prize.
4. Comply with the rights and obligations that the AWARD implies for UPF-BSM and for the participants.

12.1.3.- Recipients

The personal data of the participants will not be communicated to third parties except legal obligation or, where appropriate, and provided that such access and data processing is essential for the provision of a specific service to UPF-BSM. Under this scenario, UPF-BSM will in any case sign the corresponding contract of data processor with each of these third parties, who will process the data exclusively for the purposes determined in each case.

12.1.4.- Conservation of data

The personal data of the participants will be kept throughout the entire period of the process and during the fulfillment of the rights and obligations assumed by UPF-BSM and by the participants described in these legal bases. And after the end of the process, the period necessary to comply with the applicable legal obligations.

12.1.5.-Rights

Participants may at any time exercise their rights of access, rectification, deletion, limitation to processing, data portability and opposition.

To exercise these rights, the participant can send his/her request, attaching a copy of his/her passport ID or other valid document that identifies him/her, to Balmes 132-134, 08008, Barcelona; or via the following email address: rgpd@bsm.upf.edu.

In any case, participants have the right to file a claim with the Spanish Agency for Data Protection if it deems appropriate.

12.2.- Additional Information

Additional information on the UPF-BSM privacy policy published on the UPF-BSM website can be obtained: <https://www.bsm.upf.edu/es/politica-de-privacidad>



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