

LLM Programme in Law of the Sea - Master Thesis Award

Faculty of Law, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

§ 1 Aim

This Master Thesis Award wants to annually distinguish and reward the author of the best master thesis in law of the sea. This award intends to stimulate academic excellence and to promote students' interest in research within the field of the law of the sea. This award contributes to the fulfilment of the faculty's educational and research strategy.

§ 2 Prize

The author of the best LLM in Law of the Sea master thesis of the year will receive a prize of NOK 10,000. The author will also receive a diploma attesting the achievement.

§ 3 Formal requirements

Only master theses from students who have been admitted to the LLM Programme in Law of the Sea at UiT, will be considered for the award.

The thesis must be at a high academic level. Consequently, the faculty will only bestow the award to a thesis that has obtained an A or a B. If no thesis receives such grades, then the faculty will not give an award for the year in question.

§ 4 Assessment Committee and Selection of the Best Thesis

The assessment committee consists of two jurists with connection to the LLM programme in Law of the Sea. At least one of the two members must have a PhD in Law. The assessment committee will decide primarily based on the grades awarded to each thesis in the normal thesis evaluation process. In case more than one thesis receives a high grade (A or B), the assessment committee will review all such theses and select the best one.

The person who has the administrative responsibility for the Master Theses in the LLM programme in Law of the Sea must obtain a prior consent from the student before the thesis is submitted for evaluation.

In addition to the formal criteria for evaluating thesis, indicated in the 'Instructions for Grading of Master Theses in Law' and in the 'Grade Description for Master Theses in Law', adopted by the Faculty Board on 9.3.2015, case no. JF 9-15, the assessment committee will particularly take into consideration the social relevance and timeliness of the thesis topic, as well as the originality and independence of arguments outlined by the authors.

The assessment committee will give its decision within a month of receiving the theses and respective grades. Should students appeal the grade received in the thesis (appeal a B or C grade), the assessment committee will delay its decision until the regrading of such theses is complete.

The assessment committee's decisions cannot be appealed.

§ 5 Announcement and distribution

The award of the honorary prize is announced in the Faculty of Law's communication channels.

The academic director of the LLM Programme in Law of the Sea will present the prize and diploma in person to the student, or send it to the student depending on whether the student is still in Tromsø at the time the assessment committee's decision is final.