Criteria for the Doctoral Thesis Award

(BELMAS MEMBERS ONLY)

AWARD CRITERIA

The nominated Thesis must have been examined in the academic year of 2025-2026 to be eligible. If you are unsure, please ask a member of the BELMAS team before you submit.

For this award, the panel are looking for a thesis which:

- Disseminates ideas which advance, or challenge concepts of leadership and management and/or their relationship with educational improvement
- Has potential for stimulating debate, among academics, practitioners and policymakers within and across educational sectors which might lead to future collaboration
- Promotes reflective, reflexive and research-based approaches to leadership and management
- Research quality appropriate to the nature and context of the work undertaken reflecting innovation and approaches within the field
- Methodological rigour, robust research design and a clear contribution to the field
- Recommendations associated with the findings in relation to leadership and management
- The Thesis must be nominated by Supervisors and will then be sent to our Awards, Bursaries and Grants Committee to be assessed
- Nominees need to be through viva and should have been awarded and should be uploaded onto their university websites
- Please note, BELMAS Trustees are not permitted to be nominated for this award in line with the Charity Commission's Guidance

All information can be found on the BELMAS website.

For queries please contact a member of the BELMAS team on info@belmas.org.uk