**FORMAT OF EXTENDED ABSTRACT FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES THESIS AWARDS APPLICATIONS**

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Figure 1. logo of METU

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The most important implications of the results of the study are summarized in this section and potential applications of the results identified. Do not use the conclusion as a summary of the discussion or as a replication of the abstract.

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