

Vliegenthart Thesis Award Regulations

Introduction

The Vliegenthart Thesis Award was initiated by the Utrecht University Foundation on the occasion of the retirement of Professor Hans Vliegenthart as Chairman of the Utrecht University Fund Board after many years of service. The Award aims to encourage student excellence by rewarding four categories of graduating students:

- Arts and Humanities students;
- Life Sciences students;
- Natural Sciences students;
- Gamma Sciences students.

Each year, graduates from one of these categories are invited to submit their theses. The award process is carried out by the Utrecht University Fund Office under the auspices of the Board of the Utrecht University Fund.

All entries are assessed by a judging panel with rotating composition but under the permanent chairmanship of Professor J.F.G. Vliegenthart. In the absence of the permanent chairman, the Portfolio Holder for Special Professors on the Utrecht University Fund Board will act in his place.

Conditions of entry:

1. Entrants must have written and submitted their thesis in 2020 in the Humanities.
2. Entrants are Master's degree students at Utrecht University, or Utrecht University Master's graduates who graduated in 2020.
3. Entries must include an overview of Osiris that includes the mark of the thesis, which should be 8,5 or higher and 30 ECTS.
4. The thesis topic is academically relevant within the category which invites entries that particular year.
5. The thesis is written in Dutch or English.
6. The thesis contains an index and a bibliography.
7. Entries must be accompanied by the following author information:
 - a. full first name and surname;
 - b. home address and post code;
 - c. email address;
 - d. telephone number;
 - e. education history (exact course of study; name of the Bachelor's programme; specialization; year started; (expected) graduation date);
 - f. credits (in ects) awarded for the thesis.
8. In the event of multiple authors, the application for entry must be submitted on behalf of all the co-authors. All prerequisites for entry apply to all co-authors.

Additional conditions of entry:

1. By entering the contest, entrants affirm that they have read and accepted these regulations.
2. Family members of the judging panel and board members / employees of the University Foundation are not eligible to enter the contest.
3. Entrants submit their thesis in a single PDF file (by e-mail). **Please upload via this [form](#)**
4. The winning thesis will be posted on the Utrecht University Fund website. The copyright of entered theses will, however, remain with the authors.



Assessment

1. Academic relevance and quality:
The research for the thesis and the topic of the thesis must be academically relevant. The thesis and the thesis research must conform to the minimum methodological requirements used in the subject area of the thesis.
2. The thesis must be well written, meaning that: the structure of the sentences, the writing style and the grammar and spelling use must not be an obstruction for the readability of the thesis.
3. Originality, societal relevance and topical relevance may play a role in the assessment.
4. It is not possible to appeal against or object to the panel's decision.

Judging panel

1. The judging panel is assembled annually by Professor J.F.G. Vliegthart and the Director of the University Foundation Office.
2. In addition to the chairman, the judging panel comprises experts in the field of the category they are judging.
3. The judging panel has the right to withhold an award in any year if the quality of entries is deemed to be insufficient.
4. If necessary, the judging panel consults external experts.

Prize amount

The author of the winning thesis receives a cash prize of € 2.000,- and a certificate. Up to two honorary mentions (€ 500,-) may be awarded.

Final provision

In all cases not provided for in these regulations or in which the judges are unable to reach a final decision the chairman will decide.