

Rules "Award for best development relevant master's thesis" UHasselt

Participants

Article 1

This competition, named "Award for best development relevant master's thesis UHasselt" (hereafter: the Competition), is open to every student who has written a master's thesis on a development relevant subject in the context of a master's program at UHasselt / tUL- campus UHasselt. It is not necessary that the student was actually present in a developing country for his / her research.

Only master's theses that were successfully defended in the 1st session of the current academic year and master's theses that were successfully defended in the 2nd session of the past (previous) academic year are eligible for this competition. The participant grants the jury permission to inquire at the faculty if the master's thesis was assessed as 'successful' between 15 August 2017 and 15 July 2018.

Only the author (s) of a master's thesis can validly submit an entry in accordance with article 3 of these regulations. Submissions submitted by a third party are invalid and are not assessed by the jury.

Article 2

By submitting the master's thesis in the context of this competition, each participant declares to be aware of these regulations and to agree with their content.

Assignment

Article 3

Each participant submits his entry no later than **July 20**, at 11.59 am. Late entries will no longer be accepted in the competition and will not be judged by the jury.

The registration for the Competition is done online. The entry of each participant includes:

- o a digital version of the registration form;
- o a digital version (Word or pdf) of the master's thesis in Dutch or English;
- o a digital version (Word or pdf) of an understandable and publishable 'journalistic article' about the thesis of max. 1000 words (in Dutch for Flemish students, English for international students);
- o graphs or photographs can be added to the journalistic article; (max. 1 pdf)
- o a digital version of the bibliography.

Only entries that contain all enumerated attachments are valid. Invalid submissions will not be admitted to the contest and will not be judged by the jury.

Rights

Article 4

The submission of a Master's Thesis in the context of this Competition does not imply any transfer of copyright or other right related to copyright except for the provisions of Article 5.

The participant is responsible for the content of the 'journalistic article' and the master's thesis. Neither the organization nor the UHasselt / tUL bears any responsibility for this.

Article 5

UHasselt acquires the free, non-exclusive right to use the entries for journalistic publications about the contest. The participant is always mentioned by name.

The participant indemnifies UHasselt against all claims from third parties for infringement of copyright.

Rating

Article 6

The jury is appointed by the International Office of UHasselt and consists of (a majority of) external and internal members. If considered necessary, the jury may request the advice of external experts for the assessment of the master's thesis. The members of the jury appoint a Chairman among them.

In the event of tie votes, the chairman's vote is decisive.

Jury members cannot participate in an assessment of the submission of a blood relative or relative.

Article 7

All submissions are assessed on four criteria:

- Development relevance;
- impact (in UHasselt, in developing countries);
- sustainability of the results;
- writing style and readability.

The jury has the right not to award the Award in case of insufficient level of the entries.

Results

Article 8

Participants will receive a confirmation of receipt of their entry after 20 July. In September, the "shortlist" will be communicated; the list of 3 nominees per category ("Flemish student" or "International student"). In November, the 2 final winners will be announced at the annual prize ceremony.

Prices

Article 9

There are 2 winners for the "Award for best development relevant master's thesis". A Flemish and an international student. These winners will receive a prize worth 800 euros. The 4 remaining ranked on the shortlists receive a prize worth 100 euros.

Final provision

Article 10

In all cases not provided for in these regulations, the chairman of the jury decides.