

## Regulation NWO Physics Thesis Award

### **Aim of the prize**

The NWO Physics Thesis Award has the aim to focus attention on high-quality physics research by young researchers. The prize is awarded each year to the best physics thesis.

### *The prize*

The winner receives a sum of € 10,000 that can be spent as wished.

### **Candidacy**

Candidates should have obtained their doctorate from a Dutch university in an area of physics research. Each professor may nominate one candidate per submission round who has gained his or her doctorate in the previous year (1 April - 31 March). The nominating professor must write a letter of recommendation to the assessment committee and enclose eight copies of the thesis and a completed application form. In addition, a weblink to a digital copy of the thesis is requested. The documents can be sent to NWO Utrecht, attn. Marcel Hoek, P.O. Box 3021, 3502 GA Utrecht. The list of candidates will not be published.

### **Assessment criteria**

After an initial check to ensure that the research of each candidate does indeed fall inside the field of physics, each candidate's research will be assessed against the following criteria:

- the new insights obtained by means of the research;
- the originality of the research method;
- the scientific breadth of knowledge displayed by the candidate, in combination with the in-depth scientific understanding demonstrated;
- the presentation of the results in the thesis.

### **Selection procedure**

#### *Selection committee*

The selection committee comprises six members who are appointed by the board of the ENW domain of NWO. These committee members are appointed for a period of two years. This committee has the task of issuing an advice to the board of the ENW domain of NWO about the awarding of the prize based on the assessment criteria.

#### *Awarding*

The board of the ENW domain of NWO takes a decision about the awarding of the prize based on the selection committee's advice. The selection procedure is confidential and no correspondence is entered into concerning the outcome of the selection.

#### *Timeframe*

- The deadline for nominations is 1 April.
- The winner is announced in mid-October.
- The prize is awarded in January at Physics@Veldhoven.

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*In cases of doubt the Dutch version of the text takes precedence.*