

## **Regulations Thesis Award Faculty of Humanities**

The annual nominations of the Humanities thesis awards are a celebration of the rich variety of academic writing, outstanding academic performance, and promotion of the Humanities. The best bachelor and (research) master award will automatically be nominated for the VU Thesis Award.

### **Bachelor, Master and DURF Awards**

#### **1. Conditions of participation**

The following theses will be considered for evaluation by the jury:

1.1 Candidates for the selection of the jury's theses must have obtained a bachelor's or (research) master's degree from the Faculty of Humanities of the VU Amsterdam. The prize is awarded every academic year. The nominees are required to have graduated in that particular academic year. The graduate has indicated during the graduation process that they want to compete for the thesis prize.

1.2 There is an annual award for the best bachelor's thesis, the best (research) master's thesis, and a special award for a thesis with an audacious approach.

1.3 The submitted thesis must have been written as a thesis and assessed with at least an 8.5 (eight and a half).

1.4 The thesis must be completely and unconditionally available for members of the jury and readers. The thesis must be public: there are no restrictions for interested parties who wish to inspect it, unless there are impediments for copyright or privacy reasons. In that case, the impediments must be justified and submitted to the jury for decision on the exception.

#### **2. Nomination of thesis**

2.1 The Programme Committees of the various programmes nominate (based on the longlist) a maximum of one thesis per category.

2.2 The chairs of the Programme Committees are responsible for the organisation of the nomination. When the chair is due to hand over the role to a new chair in the period August to October, the sitting chair will remain responsible for the organisation of the nomination.

2.3 The nomination must be written in Dutch or English.

2.4 The jury may deviate from the provisions of 2.2 if a substantiated request is made.

2.5 The thesis must be accompanied by the assessment form used by the supervisor.

2.6 Writers of nominated theses will be notified. The award winners are announced annually by the Faculty Board. Nominees and their thesis supervisors will be notified of the nominations in a timely manner. The prize winners will be listed on the faculty website and social media.

#### **3. Evaluation Criteria**

3.1 The Entries for the bachelor and master thesis awards will be judged on scientific quality and originality, taking account will be taken of the extent of study load.

3.2 The DURF-Award will be awarded to audacious work that:

- A) transcends the boundaries of the discipline and/or;
- B) applies academic research to real life situations or practices.

3.3 No correspondence will be entered into on the results.

#### **4. Judging**

4.1 The jury is appointed by the Faculty Board of Humanities of the VU Amsterdam. The jury consists of 3 to 5 lecturers and professors of the various departments and (educational) disciplines and a Humanities graduate. A suitable graduate will be nominated by Department University Relations & Fundraising (DURF).

4.2 Under the responsibility of the jury, a pre-selection of nominees will be made (shortlist).

4.3 In case of an insufficient number of nominations and/or insufficient quality of the entries, the jury has the right not to award the thesis prizes.

4.4 The jury has the right to seek the advice of external experts in the evaluation of the theses.

4.5 The members of the jury shall read all nominated theses - without the assessment forms of the supervisors - and determine the award winners in consultation.

#### **5. Awards**

5.1 The awards for the bachelor and master thesis prizes are € 500 each (five hundred euros). The DURF-Award is € 250 (two hundred fifty euros).

5.2 The winner(s) receives a certificate and a keepsake.

5.3 The winner(s) will be automatically nominated for the VU Bachelor's and (Research) Master's Thesis Award.

#### **6. Final provisions**

6.1 In all cases not covered by these regulations, the chair of the jury will decide.