IBM Innovation Award 2021

REGULATIONS

Art. 1. On the initiative of IBM, the Fund for Scientific Research-FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS) will grant in 2021 the IBM Innovation Award, amounting to 5,000 €, for an outstanding PhD thesis that presents an original contribution to informatics or its applications, in one of the following fields:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Social Media
- Analytics & Big Data
- Mobile Computing
- Cyber Security
- Cloud Computing

The informatics part of the work must be both thorough and advanced.

Art. 2. The Award is intended for an individual postdoctoral researcher or Professor who has publicly defended his/her PhD thesis at a university of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. Candidates must be affiliated to a recognized university (within or outside the Federation Wallonia-Brussels) on the date of the submission deadline.

Candidates from the Royal Military Academy are eligible.

Art. 3. The Award will be granted on basis of the recommendations of a Jury of experts appointed by the F.R.S.-FNRS. A representative of IBM may attend the Jury meeting as observer. If no suitable candidate can be identified, the Jury can decide not to grant the Award.

Art. 4. Applications, written in English, have to be submitted electronically to prix@frs-fnrs.be for July 1, 2021 at the latest.

Art. 5. The application file must be composed of:

- the application form,
- an executive summary of the thesis in max. 3 pages,
- the doctoral thesis defense report,
- a detailed curriculum vitae,
- a list of publications,
- an electronic version of the thesis.

The regulations and form are available on the website www.frs-fnrs.be.

Art. 6. The Award cannot be divided amongst several researchers.

Art. 7. Any question concerning the applications and the awarding of the Award will be settled in a final and binding manner by the F.R.S.-FNRS.

Art. 8. The deliberations of the Jury are confidential and may not be revealed.

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