BiR&D Cross-Disciplinary PhD Thesis Awards 2020

Life & Health Sciences – Science & Technology

REGULATIONS

Art. 1. On the initiative of the Belgian industrial Research and Development association (BiR&D), the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique-FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS) and the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) will grant in 2020 four BiR&D Cross-Disciplinary PhD Thesis Awards, amounting to 5,000 € each. Two Awards will be granted for a PhD thesis in the domain of Life & Health Sciences, the other two Awards for a PhD thesis in the domain of Science & Technology. Each candidate can apply for one Award only, in the domain of his/her choice.

Art. 2. Each Award will reward an individual researcher who has obtained his/her PhD from a Belgian university between November 1, 2018 and October 31, 2019. Candidates from the Royal Military Academy are eligible. The jury will nominate a PhD thesis that presents an original contribution with potential industrial valorisation within a 5 years period (approximatively); the candidate should indicate clearly the cross-disciplinary approach applied in his/her PhD thesis work (section 12 of the application form).

Art. 3. The application, written in English, has to be submitted on January 15, 2020 at the latest to the address prix@frs-fnrs.be. The following documents are requested:

- the application form;
- a detailed curriculum vitae, including a list of publications;
- an electronic version of the PhD thesis.

The application form is available on the website www.frs-fnrs.be. The applicant has to indicate clearly on the form for which of the Awards – Life & Health Sciences or Science & Technology – he/she would like to apply.

Art. 4. Each Award will be granted by decision of a domain specific Jury appointed by the F.R.S.-FNRS and the FWO. Representatives of BiR&D may attend the Jury meetings as observers. If two suitable candidates cannot be identified, a Jury can decide to only grant one Award in a domain, or not to grant the Award.

Art. 5. Any problems or disputes arising from the eligibility of submitted applications or from granting the Awards will be settled by the F.R.S.-FNRS and the FWO, whose decision in these respects will be final.

Art. 6. The scientific outline, presentations and evaluation reports generated in the framework of the BiR&D Multi-Disciplinary PhD Thesis Awards will be treated confidentially.

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