



## Regulations VBI Student Research Awards – Edition 2021

### ART.1

The Alumni association of graduates from the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering and Faculty of Engineering Technology of the KU Leuven (VBI) yearly awards the VBI Student Research Award. This award identifies the best master thesis of the respective graduation year.

### ART.2

The top price equals € 500. The remaining three laureates receive € 100.

### ART.3

Every student who finished his/her master thesis at the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering (FBIW) or the Faculty of Engineering Technology (FIIW) during the last 10 months prior to the preselection can participate. Hence, for 2021, every student who finished his master thesis between September 2020 and June 2021 can subscribe. In consultation with the promotor of the respective candidate, students can sign up by sending an easy-to-read article, as specified in article 4. If a master thesis is confidential, the manuscript will be treated appropriately. Consequently, students with a master thesis that is confidential can participate in consultation with their promotor.

### ART.4

In order to participate, the candidates present an article (max. 400 words) in which they explain the content of their master thesis. The candidate is aware of the target audience, *i.e.* Alumni from the FBIW and FIIW who receive the Bio-ingenieus (*i.e.* a journal sent to more than 6000 alumni every three months). Points of attention are the context of the thesis, major outcomes, and the creativity of the applied methodologies, explained in a clear way for the predetermined target audience. You may use an illustration (maximum 1 illustration) to make the article more attractive. Send PDF versions of both this article and your master thesis to [studentenprijzen@vbi-kuleuven.be](mailto:studentenprijzen@vbi-kuleuven.be). The deadlines are specified in article 8.

### ART.5

VBI assembles an independent jury who evaluates the submissions based on the points of attention as specified in article 4. The jury then preselects 6 candidates. The master thesis of these candidates will be studied in more detail. The jury then selects 4 laureates (3 from FBIW and 1 from FIIW) who are still in the running for winning the VBI Student Research Award. The laureates will be notified personally and announced through social media on July 4<sup>th</sup>.



## ART.6

In the first few weeks of the new academic year, the laureates present and defend their master thesis in max. 15 min for an independent jury, assembled by VBI. Hereafter, the jury members withdraw themselves in order to deliberate. Criteria that will be considered are the general knowledge, the context, and the presentation skills. The closing session will take place in Leuven in the beginning of October. Due to the present Covid-19 measures, it is uncertain if the presentations will take place on the spot or digitally. At least one month before the closing session, this will be decided and communicated to all interested parties.

## ART.7

After the laureates presented and defended their master thesis, the jury awards the VBI Student Research Award, as well as the other prizes.

## ART.8

<b>Timeframe 2021</b>	<b>FBIW</b>	<b>FIIW</b>
Candidacy students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Article (PDF, max. 400 words)</li><li>• Master thesis (PDF)</li></ul>	June 10	July 5
Announcement of laureates during graduation ceremony	July 4	July 12
Closing session VBI Student Research Awards	Beginning of October	

## ART.9

Potential arguments and supplementary decisions are carried out under the exclusive responsibility of the Executive Committee of VBI. The Executive Committee of VBI reserves every right to change the regulations.