



Terms and conditions for the doctoral prize of the Phytofar Institute

10th Awards Ceremony

1. Introduction

Since 2001 the Phytofar Institute has annually awarded a professional and a scientific prize to a Belgian research team for their innovative work in the field of sustainable agriculture.

In 2015 the Phytofar Institute introduced a third prize for a doctorate.

The doctoral prize is worth €1,500¹ and will be awarded to a person whose doctorate relates to sustainable agriculture in the plant sector.

Applications submitted will be evaluated by an independent multi-disciplinary Scientific Board, who will decide the winner. The members of the Board are well-known and respected experts in the field of crop production, environment, ecology, nutrition, public health, biochemical, biotechnology, toxicology and economics.

2. Conditions and information for applicants

Eligible doctorates:

- The prize will be awarded to an innovative doctorate that has been wholly or partially carried out at a university or research institute in Belgium or Luxembourg and/or for which at least one of the supervisors or co-supervisors belongs to a university in Belgium or Luxembourg.
- The doctorate must relate to a topic that is also relevant for Belgium. This may relate to either technical or conceptual aspects, *e.g. biochemical aspects that are studied in an exotic plant but from which the mechanisms may also apply to crops that are grown in Europe.*
- The doctorate must relate to sustainable agriculture in the crop production sector, *e.g. research in the area of plant production; business administration; precision agriculture, quality of food, innovative solutions relating to integrated crop protection including biotechnological, biological, applied biological or molecular biological solutions that contribute to sustainable agriculture,...*

Language:

The doctorates are written in English, Dutch, French or German and should always include an abstract in English or French. If this is not included, an English or French translation of the summary or final conclusions may be added. All other documents must also be written in English, Dutch or French.

¹ All sums of money are expressed as gross amounts



Eligible Ph.D. completion dates:

Only doctorates which were successfully defended between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2019 are eligible.

Documents to be supplied:

- The doctoral script (one version of the doctoral script as a hard copy + a clearly legible PDF version)
- Current contact details (tel. number, email address, & home address)
- The applicant's CV and a brief description of the lab / institute + the contact details of his or her supervisors and co-supervisors
- A brief **explanatory** overview of not more than 1 page, in non-scientific language, with the following information:
 - o Aim of the project
 - o Methodology and results
 - o To which extent it contributes to a sustainable agriculture
 - o 2 qualitative and relevant photographs (> 3MB)
- Permission to make free use of photographs and an extract from the Ph.D. for purposes relating to the prize

3. Additional terms and conditions

- If the application is eligible for the Professor Albert Soenen Award, it may be forwarded to the organisation responsible for this award. The Professor Albert Soenen Award is intended for doctorates that contribute to innovations in fruit production. More information about this prize can be found on the website www.pcfruit.be or by sending an e-mail to andre.deroose@pcfruit.be.
- There is a clearly defined difference between the scientific prize and the doctoral prize: the scientific prize is intended for research groups, whereas the doctoral prize for one person, only i.e. an individual who has successfully completed his/her doctorate. The research group may submit an application for the scientific prize with respect to the entire research project, while the person who has covered the specific topic in his/her doctorate may also submit a separate application for the doctoral prize. A research group will only be eligible to receive one prize save in exceptional and profound motivation of the jury.
- It is interesting for the jury to note whether the results of the doctoral script were published in international, scientific journals (peer reviewed).
- If not enough valid applications are submitted, the jury reserves the right not to award the prize.
- Persons who defend their doctorate in the relevant period (April 2017 - March 2019) and subsequently started working for a member or potential member of Phytofar, may be eligible, provided that the defence took place three months before joining the company.
- Staff of Phytofar is excluded.
- When in doubt the Phytofar Institute organs decide.