

Overijssel PhD Award

The Overijssel PhD Award is the award for a doctoral thesis of outstanding academic quality and/or social relevance that can be considered as the start of a promising academic career. The Overijssel PhD Award is part-funded by the Province of Overijssel and has a value of € 5,000. Each faculty and each institute can nominate one doctoral thesis for the award.

Objective

To reward talent and retain highly-qualified people for the province.

Target group

Researchers who have recently obtained a doctoral degree at the University of Twente.

Assessment criteria

For the assessment of the nominated doctoral theses, three criteria will be considered: the doctoral thesis is of outstanding academic quality and/or has high relevance for society (or shows potential for this), and it can be considered as the start of a promising academic career. In more concrete terms, these criteria are detailed as follows:

- The doctoral thesis concerned is of outstanding academic quality. This is demonstrated by the following:
 - the quality of the way in which the research was conducted;
 - the academic relevance;
 - the clarity with which the research was presented.
- The justified expectation that the research results described in the doctoral thesis can be of social relevance in the shorter or longer term. This is demonstrated by the following:
 - achieving research results such as designs, patents, techniques, products, processes, services or contributing to the debate in society in a way that may be of relevance to civil-society groups and organizations;
 - the importance of the research for the private and public sectors and for tackling issues in society, and the use of these results by these groups (or potential for this).
- Received recognition and the start of a promising academic career, demonstrated by the following:
 - the quality of the publications that have resulted from the doctoral research;
 - invitations to academic conferences, etc. received by the candidate;
 - the candidate's further career, as far as this is known.

Over the longer term, the judging panel will endeavor to ensure a fair distribution of the award across various areas and interests.

Nominations

Each faculty in each research institute can nominate one doctoral thesis. The following rules apply to nominations:

- Doctoral theses nominated for the Overijssel PhD Award must have been assessed within the faculty in the year before the occasion on which the award is presented. For this round, this therefore concerns doctoral degrees from the year 2024.
- A nomination for the PhD Award must be **in 1 PDF file and in the following order**:
 1. a supporting statement relating to the assessment criteria
 2. a summary of the doctoral thesis in 1,000 words, including a (working) link to the doctoral thesis
 3. the candidate's CV
- The nomination and the doctoral thesis must have been written in Dutch or English.

Nominations can be sent by email **before 11 September** to Astrid de Graaf, Marketing & Communications via a.degraaf@utwente.nl

Professor De Winter Award (publication award for especially talented women academics)

This is an award for the best internationally refereed conference contribution or article in an internationally refereed academic journal, written by a woman assistant or associate professor. The award for especially talented women academics is partly made possible by Mrs De Winter (deceased 25-4-2013), in cooperation with the University Fund, and has a value of € 2,500. For the award, women assistant or associate professors can nominate their own international articles or conference contributions. The articles must have been accepted by the journal concerned in the period between 1 June 2024 and 31 May 2025.

Objective

To encourage talented women academics within the University of Twente.

Target group

Women assistant or associate professors who are working at the University of Twente at the time of the date of acceptance by the publication concerned.

Assessment criteria

The assessment of nominated international publications will take account of the quality of the publication, which may be demonstrated by the following:

- the outstanding way in which the subject has been researched and presented;
- the quality of the way in which the research was conducted;
- the academic relevance;
- the social relevance (if applicable);
- the originality of the subject and/or the research question.

Any available impact factors for the journals will only be taken into account in the assessment when comparing publications in the same discipline.

Nominations

The following rules apply to nominations:

- Women assistant or associate professors enter their own publications for this award. The professor of the group in which the academic is active must draw up a supporting statement for the nomination that is related to the assessment criteria.
- International publications nominated for the award must have been accepted by the journal in the period between 1 June 2024 and 31 May 2025. If the publication has not yet been published, written evidence of acceptance of the article must be submitted to the judging panel.
- In order to be eligible for the award, the author of the nominated publication must have played a leading role in the project concerned. This must be evident from the letter of recommendation from the professor concerned.
- The nominated candidate must be an associate or assistant professor at the University of Twente at the time of acceptance by the publication.

Nominations for the award must be in **1 PDF file and in the following order**:

1. a supporting statement by the professor concerned, relating to the assessment criteria
2. a working link to the published articles or a digital version of the unpublished article together with written evidence of acceptance
3. the candidate's CV

The nomination and the publication must have been written in Dutch or English.

Nominations can be sent by email **before 11 September** to Astrid de Graaf, Marketing & Communications via a.degraaf@utwente.nl