

TGS Award regulations to be effective starting the academic year 2022-2023

Since 2013 TGS hands out a so-called [TGS Award](#). The objective is to stimulate promising UT Master students to do their PhD at the UT.

NEW: As from 2022 the TGS Award will consist of a full PhD position for 4 years for the winner; the TGS bridging grant will not be available any more. There will be ONE round of preselection in the Faculties, and one candidate per faculty should be identified by April 1st 2023. So there is no deadline in September 2022. A new application form is available via the website.

1. PROCEDURE

Nominees for the TGS award are talented and excellent UT Master's students who have the ambition to pursue a PhD trajectory at the UT. Eligible students are in the last phase of their Master's programme (contenders for the 2023 TGS Award obtain their MSc from the UT in the academic year 2022/23, and similar for future editions. Since this is the first edition of a new set-up also Master students who obtained their diploma between January and August 2022 are eligible, but for this edition only).

In the first round suitable candidates are nominated per Faculty and one candidate per Faculty is selected by a jury of 3 persons appointed by the faculty board and headed by the portfolioholder research. Deadline for submission in the faculty is 01-02-2023. The outcome of this first round should be known by 1st April 2023.

The requirements for the pre-selection phase are: 1. filled in form with the CV and MSc and BSc grades. 2. a research statement written by the candidate (max. 1000 words), linking the qualities of the candidate and their earlier research to an envisaged research topic. This research statement has to be written by the candidate (i.e. it is not part of a larger project submitted for funding and prepared by academic staff), and indicate how the qualities of the candidate fit to the research subject. 3. One or more letters of recommendation from the intended PhD supervisor, and if possible the Master and Bachelor supervisors or other relevant references. The preselection process is facilitated in the Faculties, and the result has to be submitted to TGS by April 1st. Each Faculty can nominate 1 candidate to compete in the final round.

The 5 candidates nominated by the Faculties for the second round will compete for a full PhD position of 4 years (i.e. they will NOT receive the TGS bridging grant as used to be). The second round consists of interviews and will be held in May; by that time the candidates are asked to present and elaborate on their research vision they submitted for the first round to the TGS Jury. The presentations and interviews with the candidates are the basis for the TGS Award jury to rank the proposals and choose the winner. The TGS Award, consisting of a full PhD position of 4 years, is handed out during the Opening of the Academic Year by the Rector Magnificus. In case the winner of the TGS Award will obtain external funding for the PhD project, or for other reasons cannot accept the TGS Award, the Award will be transferred to the next in line. In case a TGS Award winner needs an extension of the contract -for whatever reason- this has to be provided by the Faculty.

2. REQUIREMENTS

Nominees should fulfill the following requirements:

- Talented and excellent **UT MSc** student with the ambition to pursue a PhD trajectory at the University of Twente independently working on a research proposal.
- Nominated & recommended by an intended UT first supervisor (full professor or UHD with *ius promovendi*; 'beoogd promotor' in Dutch).
- Graduated/ing from UT in the academic year (2022/23 in case of the 2023 TGS Award) and aspiring for PhD at the UT. For this edition the entire calendar year 2022 is eligible.
- Nominated by the Faculty through:
 - a filled in form which includes the CV, MSc and BSc grades.
 - a research statement, written by the candidate, of maximum 1000 words linking the qualities of the candidate to his/her envisaged research topic.
 - letters of recommendation from the intended PhD supervisor (with *ius promovendi*), and if possible the Master and Bachelor supervisors or other relevant references.
- If selected, to attend the final competition with the candidates from other faculties through a presentation with discussion by the TGS Award jury in April/May.

3. CRITERIA:

- Criteria used for selection are:
 - the quality of the candidate (performance, extracurricular activities);
 - the earlier research of the candidate (BSc, MSc achievements);
 - the envisaged PhD research (Research idea, ambition and feasibility, societal relevance).

4. TGS AWARD JURY

- Jury members are preferably JA@UT members, one per faculty.
- Jury members can be in the jury for a max. period of 3 years (the year indicated per person is the TGS Award edition, so starting in year x-1).
- The chair is the Dean of TGS.
- In case jury members have a conflict of interest they abstain from the deliberations and voting for that candidate, but they may propose to the chair a back-up jury member (preferable from JA@UT) to replace them.
- Secretary to the jury is Dr. Anne Dijkstra (a.m.dijkstra@utwente.nl)
- 2022 TGS Award jury:
 - Ariana Need (Chair)
 - Anne Dijkstra (Secretary)
 - Saskia Kelders (BMS, JA@UT, 2023)
 - Annemieke Witteveen (EEMCS, JA@UT, 2023)
 - Rick Hogenboom (ET, JA@UT, 2021)
 - Caroline Gevaert (ITC, JA@UT, 2022)
 - Albert Wong (TNW, JA@UT, 2022)