

Regulation Jan van Dijk Victimology and Victims' Rights Award Dissertation award

The Award

1. The Jan van Dijk Victimology and Victims' Rights Award will be in two categories: the best master thesis and the best dissertation in victimology and victims' rights. The award is an initiative of Fonds Slachtofferhulp.
2. The prize consists of € 2.500,- granted to the author of the best dissertation. The award ceremony will take place on **February 27th, 2024**. Information about the time and location will follow.
3. In this regulation, published on www.janvandijkaward.nl, you can find information regarding the requirements for participation, the submission procedure, the assessment procedure, the rights of the participants and other information regarding participation.

Requirements

4. Participation is open to all PhD's who defended their dissertation at a Dutch or Belgian University.
5. To be considered eligible, the PhD thesis must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Meets the requirements set for a PhD thesis at the Dutch or Belgian university where the thesis was defended;
 - b. Written in either Dutch or English;
 - c. Relevant to the legal status of, or the assistance (legal, social, psychological) to, victims of crime, accidents and disasters.
 - d. Has been successfully defended in the period between October 2018 and October 2023.

Submission Procedure

6. The author or supervising professor submits the dissertation to the organization of the Jan van Dijk Victimology and Victims' Rights award by sending a digital version of the dissertation to info@janvandijkaward.nl. Only submissions that are sent before **November 19th, 2023** qualify for the Jan van Dijk Victimology and Victims' Rights award 2024. Any possible changes regarding the submission period or award ceremony will be communicated through the website www.janvandijkaward.nl.
7. The following information must be submitted:
 - a. Dissertation in PDF format, with:
 - Contact information of the author;
 - Contact details of the supervising professor;
 - The educational institution;
 - b. Summary (max. 1,000 words) in a separate PDF document, with:
 - Name author;
 - Title thesis;
 - Name supervising professor;
 - Research question(s);
 - Key findings;
 - Conclusion and recommendations for policy and practise.
 - c. The digital version of the dissertation is accompanied by an official document proving that the dissertation has been successfully defended.

Assessment Procedure

8. The dissertations will be assessed by a jury. Who is part of the jury will be announced at a later stage.
9. The first selection is based on the submitted summary.
10. The jury will assess the dissertations on the basis of the following criteria:
 - a. Originality;
 - b. Contribution to the state of the art about the legal status of, or the assistance (legal, social, psychological) to, victims of crime, accidents and disasters;
 - c. Scientific quality.
11. In the event of a close relationship between a participant and a jury member, the relevant jury member will refrain from assessing and voting on this specific participant.
12. The jury will communicate, through the organization, a few weeks before the ceremony which three dissertations will be nominated for the award.
13. The winner of the dissertation award will be announced during a special award ceremony.
14. The nominated participants are expected to attend the award ceremony and give a short presentation of their dissertation. Presence and nomination are – barring force majeure – a condition for winning the prize. Further guidelines on this will be communicated upon nomination.

Rights of the participants

15. The copyrights of the submitted dissertation will remain with the authors. The nominees will provide a summary of the dissertation in popular-science style. The nominees will produce an accessible Dutch summary of their dissertation a few weeks before the award ceremony. In addition, they grant the organization of the Jan van Dijk Victimology and Victims' Rights Award permission to publish this text (including on the internet) with acknowledgment of the source. Further agreements will be made with the nominees at the time of compiling the publication. Current information and important dates will be listed on www.janvandijkaward.nl.

Miscellaneous

16. Participants are expected to have taken notice of this regulation and to accept the terms and conditions as prescribed by this regulation.
17. Correspondence is done via info@janvandijkaward.nl.
18. Correspondence with regards to the results shall not take place.
19. In the case of unforeseen situations not covered by this regulation, the jury will decide.