

## **CSDS Thesis Excellence Award**

The Centre for Sustainable Development Studies ([CSDS](#), University of Amsterdam) is proud to present the CSDS Thesis Excellence Award, recognizing one outstanding master's thesis and one outstanding research master's thesis on sustainability. The award includes a prize for the best thesis in each category (masters and research masters), and up to two runners-up will be honored with certificates of excellence. The winners will also showcase their thesis to a diverse audience of scholars and industry professionals during a CSDS Symposium or Lecture Series.

### **Eligibility**

- The thesis was written in an Uva FMG department and received a grade of at least 8,0.
- The thesis should relate to CSDS's research focus, and thus address environmental sustainability, climate change, SDGs, environmental justice and transitions, eco-friendly behavior, or related topics.
- The thesis was written and graded in the 2023-2024 academic year. Please submit the original thesis, not any later documents such as preprints or journal publications.

### **Selection criteria**

- Relevance to CSDS research areas
- Theory development or advancement
- Rigorous methods
- Ethical practices according to discipline norms
- Potential for societal impact
- Writing quality

### **Instructions**

Students may nominate themselves. Supervisors or other parties are also welcome to nominate eligible students.

Please submit all documents in PDF to [info-csds@uva.nl](mailto:info-csds@uva.nl): the original thesis, a copy of the final grade form, and a short statement of max. 150 words in which you explain the strengths of your thesis to the interdisciplinary committee. Please also provide the following details: the name and email address of the author, and the name, and email address of the thesis supervisor(s).

The jury consists of Dr. Hebe Verrest (Geography, Planning, and International Development Studies), Dr. Nils Jostmann (Psychology), and Dr. Christel van Eck (Communication Science).

### **Submission deadline: 6 September 2024**

Jury review: September to October

Announcement of winner: end of October

Questions: CSDS [[info-csds@uva.nl](mailto:info-csds@uva.nl)].

## **Regulations**

### **Conditions for Participation**

- The submitted thesis must be the original thesis, not any later documents such as preprints or journal publications.
- The thesis is available unconditionally and in full for members of the jury and co-readers. The thesis will be made public: there are no restrictions for interested parties who wish to peruse the thesis unless copyright, privacy or confidentiality exceptions apply. In such a situation, these restrictions must be submitted as a reasoned argument to the jury, who will then make a decision regarding the exception. In case of potential publication plans, students are advised to consult with their thesis supervisor(s).
- Relations by blood or affinity of jury members and CSDS board members are excluded from participation in the CSDS Excellence Thesis Award.

### **Special provisions applicable to the winners**

- The winner grants CSDS permission to publish and reproduce their rewarded thesis, which may include publishing their thesis on the CSDS website.
- The winner is willing to present their rewarded thesis in at least one form (i.e., blog, video, podcast etc.) for publication on the CSDS website.

### **Jury**

- The jury reserves the right not to award the CSDS thesis award in the event of an insufficient number of entries and/or an unsatisfactory quality of the submissions.
- Jury members will refrain from evaluating theses authored by candidates whom they have supervised.
- The jury's decision is final and not subject to debate.