VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM | FACULTY OF BEHAVIOURAL AND MOVEMENT SCIENCES

Formal requirements for FGB Junior Career Award applicants

- Any FGB PhD candidate (external, guest or appointed) may be nominated for the award;
- The defence has taken place/will take place at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam;
- Candidates must have had their dissertation approved by the dean *or* defended their dissertation in the past academic year between September 1 – August 31;
- The PhD candidate should be available for the interview, either in person or online;
- Each FGB department may nominate at most one candidate per year;
- Candidates may only be nominated once for the FGB Junior Career Award.

Nomination

The nomination should contain the following:

- a CV (*maximum three pages*) including reference to the candidate's top three publications
- a letter of motivation (written by the candidate) explaining the candidate's most important output (keywords: scientific and/or social impact, innovation etc.), including up to five key statements describing the candidate's achievements during their PhD (maximum 1 page);
- a recommendation (maximum one page) from the candidate's supervisor including an assessment of the candidate based on the following criteria:
    - impact in the field;
    - innovation;
    - scientific quality of the thesis (research questions, methods and analysis)
    - coherence studies / experiments;
    - independence of thinking;
    - expert recognition;
    - clinical relevance (if appropriate);
    - societal impact;
    - language and style;
- an optional second recommendation from an external assessor (maximum one page).

Submission and deadline

The *head of the department* must submit the nomination as one (1) combined PDF before October 1 each year. The nomination should be sent via mail to pec.fgb@vu.nl.

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