

## **Procedures VvE Student Award**

### **Who can apply for this award?**

- Bachelor or Master students who did a major in epidemiology/elective in epidemiology.
- The research should have been performed before (BSc or MSc) graduation, meaning that the person was still a student at the time that the research was performed.
- At the time of application, the time since graduation is < 1 year.

### **How to apply?**

Eligible students that would like to apply for the award have to submit an abstract via the WEON website ([www.weon.nl](http://www.weon.nl)) and need to indicate that they want to be nominated for the Student Award. In addition, the application form should be submitted together with a university registration document (the document cannot be more than one year old) and the abstract to the secretariat of the Vereniging voor Epidemiologie ([secretariaat@epidemiologie.nl](mailto:secretariaat@epidemiologie.nl)). The deadline for the Student award is the same as the deadline of the WEON abstracts. After submission to the secretariat, all students will receive a confirmation via email with further procedures.

### **Selection (nomination) of abstracts for presentation at WEON**

The organizing committee of WEON will assess and select the abstracts that will be nominated. The committee will determine how many students will be nominated (maximum 6 students) and will inform the secretariat which students are nominated. All students will receive a letter at the latest 5 weeks before WEON whether they are nominated or not. All documents of the nominated students will be sent to the jury for further assessment.

### **Planning of presentations**

The organizing committee will determine whether all nominated students will present in one session or whether the students will present in topic-specific sessions. In case a separate session will be organized, the chair of the jury will lead this session.

### **Assessment of presentations**

All students are invited to present their research results in a 10 minute presentation followed by 5 minutes of discussion. The student will be assessed on the content of the presentation, the structure and flow of the presentation, the way of presenting and discussion (See assessment form presentation). All aspects are scored from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent). These scores will guide the jury to come to a final mark. After the last presentation, the jury will discuss and decide together who is the winner of the Student Award.

### **Jury**

The jury will consist of 3 members (senior researchers). The chair will be a senior researcher from the organizing committee. The other 2 members will be from the WEON organizing committee of last year and the upcoming year. Preferably, a diverse and balanced jury will be selected based on background and expertise. All jury members will grade all nominated abstracts and presentations according to the predefined criteria (See assessment forms abstract and presentation) and select a winner after consensus. The jury will write a short report for each contestant. In all selection parts, the jury members should be unrelated and have no disclosures with the nominee.

### **Award**

The award (a certificate in frame, flowers, and a monetary check of €750,-) will be handed over on the last day of the WEON. The chair ensures that the jury report will be read out loud during the award ceremony. The photographer will take pictures of the winning student for Epistel – the quarterly VvE magazine. These will be published together with the winning abstract.