

VvE Publication Award for Junior Researcher

Who can apply for this award?

This award is for the best epidemiological publication written by a junior researcher. Please check the following criteria for the application before you submit your publication:

- The applicant is the first author of the publication;
- The article is published, in press or accepted in the calendar year prior to the WEON;
- Each applicant can only submit one publication (no thesis or report);
- The publication is written in Dutch or English;
- The applicant should hold a PhD or have a PhD graduation within 3 years at the time of the submission deadline;
- The researcher is a member of the VvE.

How to apply?

The researcher needs to submit the publication as a pdf-file via email to the secretariat of the VvE at secretariaat@epidemiologie.nl. In case the article is not yet published, please provide the date of acceptance and the journal. In addition, the applicant needs to provide the (expected) date of the PhD ceremony. Deadline to submit publications: see www.epidemiologie.nl. Upon submission, the researcher will receive a confirmation via email.

Selection of publications

The selection and assessment of the submitted publications is as follows: First selection and assessment of publications (nominations) will be made by two or three members of the Board of the VvE (senior researchers, registered as epidemiologist B) using the assessment criteria for the VvE Publication Award (see appendix I). At least 3 (max 5) publications will be nominated for the VvE Publication Award for Junior Researcher. Subsequently, these nominated publications will be sent to the jury for the final assessment and selection of the winner of the VvE Publication Award for Junior Researcher.

Jury

The jury consists of three members (full-professors) of the Netherlands Epidemiology Association. The chair of the jury is from the organizing department of the current WEON. The other two professors are from the last WEON organization and the next WEON organization. For the composition of the jury, variation of disciplines will be pursued. All jury members will grade the publications according to the predefined criteria (See Appendix II) and select the winner after consensus. Jury members should not have any conflict of interest (e.g. being co-author) with the nominees (junior researcher).

Award ceremony

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 winner is invited to give a 5 minute presentation about his/her publication. The chair of the jury will write a report describing why this publication was chosen. The chair of the VvE will read the report during the award ceremony. The photographer will take pictures of the winning researcher for Epistel – the quarterly VvE magazine. These will be published together with the abstract of the winning publication.

Spending of the award

The monetary check must be spent on a (international) congress or a course in the field of epidemiology. The winner will submit a short proposal describing what he/she will do with the award (short description of the congress or course). The proposal will be assessed by a representative of the WEON award committee. The VvE will give notice within 14 days whether the proposal is granted. The winner is asked to write a short report of the congress / course. After submission of the short report and with evidence of the costs of the course / congress, the amount of €750,- will be transferred. The monetary check is valid for 2 years.