

Regulations SER Thesis Award 2024

The procedures

- You are required to send us a summary of your master's thesis through the registration form.
- The summary of max 4 pages (or 10,000 characters) is written in Dutch or English and covers the following topics: motivation for your research, research question(s), research methods, and primary conclusions. The format is pdf.
- The SER should have received the registration form and the summary (pdf) before 1 March 2024.
- The SER assesses the summaries. If your thesis passes the first round, we will ask you to send the full version, along with your CV.
- Plagiarism checks are part of the assessment procedure.
- The judges then assess the submitted theses and select three nominees. The names of the nominees will be made public through a SER press release.
- The winner will be announced in spring/summer 2024 during a gathering of the SER.

The awards

- The winner receives a cash prize of €2000 (two thousand euros). In addition, he or she gets to give a speech to the SER and will accompany Kim Putters, the president of the SER, for one day.
- The other two nominees receive €500 (five hundred euros).
- The award ceremony probably takes place during a gathering of the SER in the spring of 2024 during which the winner will be announced.

The rules

- You have written a master's thesis between 1 March 2022 and 1 March 2024 for a master's program at a Dutch university or higher professional education institution (HBO).
- Your thesis covers a socioeconomic topic or relates to one of the other areas in which the SER is active (see website).
- You received a passing grade for your thesis; the final grade is 7,5 or higher.
- You fully complete the registration form and submit the form, along with a summary of your thesis, at www.ser.nl. This should be done before 1 March 2024. You will receive a confirmation email.
- Your summary is written in Dutch or English and is 4 pages in A-4 format max. The format is pdf.
- If your summary passes the first selection round, we will ask you to send a digital copy of your full thesis. After sending this, you will again receive a confirmation email. You may be requested to submit proof that you received a passing grade for your thesis.
- If your thesis is nominated, you agree to the SER using your thesis for publicity purposes.
- You indemnify the SER against all third-party claims for copyright infringement.
- There will be no correspondence about the results.
- (Former) employees and (former) interns of the SER-secretariat and organizations that are part of the SER are not eligible to participate.
- Participants are expected to be aware of and agree with the rules.
- Situations not specified by these regulations are decided by the chair of the judges.

The assessment

- Your thesis will be assessed on qualitative aspects, such as originality, policy relevance, analytical level and readability.

The judges

The judges are:

- Kim Putters (SER president)
- Tuur Elzinga (FNV and vice-president SER)
- Ingrid Thijssen (chair VNO-NCW and vice-president SER)

The president of the SER is the chair of the judges. The judges assess the theses that meet the requirements, and select the winner. The judges have the right to decide not to select nominees or winners if the submissions do not meet a satisfactory level.