

Statutes for Science Award 2024

I. Eligibility

The award for the promotion of science and research within the Competence Centre for Renewable Resources in Straubing is annually presented to students and / or doctoral candidates or other female or male scientists who have attracted particular attention to themselves by excellent, scientific performances or initiatives undertaken within the framework of their activity in one of the three institutions TUM Campus Straubing, Technologie- und Förderzentrum or C.A.R.M.E.N. e.V. of the Competence Centre for Renewable Resources. The award which is meant for students, but also for young female and male scientists, is in the first place intended to support outstanding dissertations and master theses.

II. Budget

The award has a total annual value of 3,000 Euros and is borne by half of both sides by the Rotary Club Straubing and by the Association Hochschulstadt Straubing e.V. In general two awards are presented: An award for outstanding doctoral degrees (with a total value of 2,000 Euros). An additional award for a master thesis (with a total value of 1,000 Euros). The award can be distributed among several applicants or it can be awarded only at a fraction of the total budget. The award shall be presented annually.

In case no awards are presented in one year a financial reserve shall be created which may be used for further measures that are worthy of support.

III. Award Scheme

1. The award will be presented by a selection committee, consisting of

- The respective chairman of the Association Hochschulstadt Straubing e.V. (or by his representative)
- The respective president of the Rotary Club Straubing (or by his representative)
- The treasurer of the Association Hochschulstadt Straubing e.V.
- Up to maximum two persons designated by the Association Hochschulstadt Straubing e.V. or by the Rotary Club Straubing.

The president of the Association Hochschulstadt Straubing e.V. or the President of the Rotary Club Straubing annually alternate in presiding over the selection committee – in the year 2024 the President of the Association Hochschulstadt Straubing e.V. shall assume this function.

This president of the selection committee supervises the selection procedure, invites the members to the meetings of the selection committee and chairs these meetings.

2. The selection committee decides on the winners of the award by a simple majority of its members. The selection committee shall have a quorum if all members have been duly invited and if at least three members are present. The members of the selection committee are entitled to seek advice of

competent persons of their choice to determine the award winners. The presentation of the award is definitive and is decided without possibility of recourse to legal action. The members of the selection committee are working voluntarily and do not receive any remuneration.

IV. Application

The Association Hochschulstadt Straubing e.V. publicly introduces the Science Award by determining a deadline for the submission of applications. This announcement is published online and in the Competence Centre for Renewable Resources.

Persons eligible for the award can submit their applications themselves. Third persons, however, are also entitled to submit proposals. Applications or proposals must contain the following data:

- First name and surname, date of birth, place of birth and address of the person eligible for the award
- Subject matter of the dissertation to be honoured or supported
- A copy of the scientific dissertation or a project report accompanied by a summary of the results
- Appraisal of the dissertation, where available, or statement on dissertation or thesis, issued by the mentoring professorship or by the supervising body
- Short curriculum vitae
- Documents must generally be submitted in PDF format.

Applications or proposals must be submitted before the closing date to: Hochschulstadt Straubing e.V., located in the publishing house Straubinger Tagblatt, Ludwigsplatz 32, 94315 Straubing, info@hochschulstadt-straubing.de. If the data volume exceeds 20MB a download link or a data storage medium must be enclosed.

V. Procedure

1. The chairman of the selection committee checks the applications or proposals for correct fulfilment of the award-winning statutes and makes them available electronically to the individual members of the selection committee for assessment.
2. The selection committee meets at least three months after expiry of the submission deadline to decide about the selection of the award winners. The respective chairman of the selection committee determines time and place of the meeting. The members of the selection committee must be invited to this meeting in writing with a 14-day notice period. The selection committee may also meet for preliminary consultations. The chairman decides about place and time of such preliminary consultations.
3. In exceptional circumstances a special prize for outstanding efforts related to the activities at the Centre of Excellence for Renewable Resources KoNaRo may be awarded.

4. The respective acting chairman updates the present statutes at the end of the current year.

5. Award Ceremony

The chairman of the selection committee informs the award winner or the award winners about the intended award ceremony and invites her/him/them to the official presentation of the Science Award. The award presentation is a public ceremony of the Association Hochschulstadt Straubing e.V. and the Rotary Club Straubing.

The Science Award Straubing was first offered in 2009. The application deadline is end of February every year.

The present statutes were established by the Rotary Club Straubing and the Association Hochschulstadt Straubing e.V., represented by the president and the first chairman

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