

To PhD candidates
To PhD program Coordinators

# PROCEDURES FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF QUALITY AWARDS YEAR 2017

On May 30, 2014 the Board of Governors has established a PhD support plan which aims to value and acknowledge the excellences in research in our University. It also aims to increase the attractiveness of the PhD as a study course, to improve the incoming students' quality and to stimulate their valuable activity.

Granting PhD candidates with quality awards is part of this plan, in order to recognize and encourage excellences in research. The global amount to be granted is € 100,000.00 per year. The Board of the Doctoral School is entitled of defining the procedures such implementation.

On last April, 19 the School Board has established the rules for the assignment of the Quality Awards for the year 2017.

## Budget 2017

The budget - amounting to € 100,000 for the year 2017 - is divided among the PhD programs, in proportion to the number of candidates who have attended at least 5 months in 2017, allocating two thirds of the budget for the third year and one third for the second year.

Each Department may approve a further economic integration to the assigned budget, in order to increase the number of worthy candidates.

Any balance remaining will be transferred to the financial availability for the following year of the same PhD program or, alternatively, it could be credited in the global fund.

### Recipients

The recipients of the awards are PhD candidates enrolled in their second or third year. Therefore, to the 2017 awards are reserved to candidates of 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> cycle.

#### Awards

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- €1,200.00 (pre-tax) for second year PhD candidates;
- €2,500.00 (pre-tax) for third year PhD candidates.

The abovementioned amounts are fixed and indivisible.

## Assignment procedure

PhD candidates / PhD degree holders are evaluated by the relevant Academic Board. The Board may also appoint one or more preliminary commissions, to guarantee the representativeness of different topic competences. The final assignment will be approved by the plenary Board on a majority basis.



PhD candidates of the 30<sup>th</sup> cycle are entitled to evaluation only if the list of referees proposed for the thesis review was made up of at least 4 members.

#### Evaluation methods

The criteria used by the Academic Board are:

- scientific production;
- attendedcourses;
- activities of industrial relevance;
- awards received;
- the reviews of the thesis by the external referees, if any.

Each Board will assign the weight to each parameter.

Abovelisted information will be retrieved exclusively from the tool Cruscotto at the date of June 30<sup>th</sup>. For this reason, candidates are encouraged to update and check that any relevant data is available.

The Academic Board will evaluate all the PhD candidates of the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> cycle on the basis of such parameters. Subsequently, if additional elements for further evaluation of a short listed group of candidates are needed, the Board will contact them directly.

## Publication of results and awards assignment

At the end of the evaluation and no later than July 30, 2018, each Academic Board shall deliver to the Doctoral School the records of the evaluation. Final results will be published on the Doctoral School's website: http://dottorato.polito.it/en/awards.

Since the publication is intended as an official announcement addressed to the concerned candidates, no personal notification will be sent.