

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 applicant was still a student at the time the research was performed.
- At the time of the application, the applicant's graduation was less than a year ago.

How to apply?

Eligible students who would like to apply for the award have to submit an abstract via the WEON website (www.weon.nl) and need to indicate that they wish to be nominated for the Student Award. In addition, the application form, a university registration document and the abstract should be submitted to the secretariat of the Vereniging voor Epidemiologie (secretariaat@epidemiologie.nl). The university registration document must be less than one year old. The deadline for the Student Award is identical to the deadline for the WEON abstracts. After submission to the secretariat, all students will receive a confirmation by email with information about the 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 with a maximum of six students and will inform the secretariat which students are nominated. All students will receive an email five weeks before WEON at the latest whether they are nominated or rejected. 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 be present in one session or whether the students will present in topic-specific sessions. In that case a separate session will be organized, and the chair of the jury will lead this session.

Assessment of presentations

All students are invited to present their research in a ten-minute presentation, followed by ten minutes of discussion. The student will be assessed on the content of the presentation, the structure and the flow of the presentation, the manner 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 who the winner of the Student Award is.

Jury

The jury will consist of three members (senior researchers). The chair will be a senior researcher from the organizing committee. The other two members will be from the previous and 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 to and have no disclosures with the nominee.

Award

The award (a certificate in frame, flower voucher and voucher for € 250,-) will be presented on the last day of the WEON. The chair ensures that the jury report will be read aloud during the award ceremony. A photographer will take pictures of the winning student, which will be placed on the VvE website.