

Jury Report UG Lecturer of the Year.

This report describes the motivation for Dr. Berend Roorda as winner of the lecturer of the Year at the University of Groningen 2020. The jury has carefully looked at the performance of all candidates on the criteria formulated by the University of Groningen, concerning student engagement, teaching quality, assessment methods and expertise. We first evaluated the candidates using the nominations of the faculty. Subsequently, we evaluated the short lecturers given in the Aula during the competition. The jury concluded that all eligible candidates showed a strong performance, and that it was difficult to choose a winner. From all the candidates we were though able to select three potential winners. From these three winners we selected Dr. Berend Roorda as winner. Dr. Berend Roorda is very engaged with his students and cares about them. Moreover, he is able to engage the students in class. He also is strongly involved in the faculty of law in the education program and strongly contributes to this beyond the ordinary (e.g., member of faculty council, member of early warning signal group). We want to mention the initiative on student care where he is strongly involved in: all ears Groningen. Beyond that he is strongly involved in his teaching and carefully monitors the assessment methods. Dr. Roorda provided an attractive lecture, in which he clearly explained the law perspective of protesting in a very insightful manner. He was able to explain very well with relevant and clear examples in a very structured way. The jury believes that his way of teaching would clearly contribute to understanding the study material especially for 1st or 2nd year bachelor students, in which he is very active. Overall, the jury concludes that Berend Roorda is an all round lecturer with a passion for teaching and students (well-being). The latter is very important in a time where students are confronted with more stress.