



## Regulations Herta Macht Thesis prize for Geography 2019

To register for the Thesis Prize, candidates must meet the following criteria:

### Objective:

- To recognize young talent in the Spatial Sciences;
- To stimulate excellent research at the level of the Master's degree programme;
- To promote the cultural aspects and social relevance of the Spatial Sciences.

### Candidates:

- Participation is open to all students enrolled in a Master's degree programme in the Netherlands;
- Candidates are expected to be aware of the regulations and to subscribe to their content;
- Upon registration, candidates automatically agree to the regulations.

### Registration:

- Candidates must inform all those who contributed to the master thesis of its submission.
- Upon registration, the following elements must be submitted, complete, in **digital** (PDF) format:
  - the registration form;
  - a letter of recommendation by the master thesis supervisor, explicitly addressing how the master thesis meets the Herta Macht prize requirements and assessment criteria;
  - a summary of about half an A4 sheet;
  - the master thesis;The digital copies (in PDF format) of these documents can be sent to the following e-mail address: [secr.cg-eg@rug.nl](mailto:secr.cg-eg@rug.nl)
- The Faculty of Spatial Science would also like to receive **a paper copy of the master thesis**. Please send it to: University of Groningen, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, P.O. Box 800, 9700 AV Groningen, attn. Secretary CG.
- Submissions must be handed in to the Faculty of Spatial Sciences by **12 March 2019 at the latest**. Please register by completing the registration form on the website.
- The prize winner will be expected to deliver an oral presentation of 15 minutes on his/her thesis.
- By registering, candidates authorize the Faculty of Spatial Sciences to publish the summary and, possibly, parts of the master thesis on the Thesis Prize website or for publicity purposes.

### Thesis Requirements:

- The master thesis must not be more than two years old on the deadline for submissions;
- The master thesis must be written in Dutch or English;
- The master thesis should address an issue in the broad field of culture in the Spatial Sciences.





Assessment:

- The jury will be appointed by the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences;
- The jury is entitled not to present the prize if submissions fail to come up to the required standard or if the number of submissions is too low;
- Submissions will be assessed on the following assessment criteria:
  1. Scientific approach: the following components must be present: an approach justification, motivation of choices made, adequacy of the research methodology, data processing and a critical reflection;
  2. Scientific quality: the master thesis must be of a high level and have gained a mark of 8 or more;
  3. Readability: the degree to which the thesis can be read without presuming too much of prior knowledge on the part of the readers; in other words, how theories, relevant or applied, have been fitted in and have been introduced to the reader;
  4. Originality: the degree to which choice of subject matter and its treatment venture beyond the beaten path in the discipline concerned.

Procedure:

- Within one week after the submission has been received, candidates will receive a confirmation of receipt by e-mail.
- The nominated theses will be announced to the jury on 5 April 2019.
- The prize winner will be announced on 4 June 2019.
- The Herta Macht Thesis Prize will be presented on Thursday 27 June 2019.
- The winner will be expected to attend the prize ceremony.

Prize:

- The winner of the Herta Macht Thesis Prize will receive a sum of € 1,000 (one thousand euros) and a memento.

Finally:

- In the event of there being any doubt about the regulations or in any cases not covered by the regulations, the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Spatial Sciences will take a decision based on the jury's advice.

