REGULATIONS FOR THE UG IMPACT AWARD

**Article 1. Awarding**

1. Every year, the University of Groningen presents the UG Impact Award to UG researchers and students who have made outstanding achievements in the field of knowledge utilization, i.e. who have connected their research to the professional (non-academic) world and/or societal (including economic) practice.

2. The prize will be awarded in two categories: one for researchers and one for students. There will be one prizewinner or prizewinning team of a maximum of 4 people and two honourable mentions per category. Hereinafter, we will refer to the prospective winners as “the student” and “the researcher”, which may also refer to a team nomination.

3. The winning student will receive a prize of € 2,500 to be spent as they please. The winning researcher will receive a prize of € 5,000 to be spent on further knowledge utilization.

4. The prizes will be presented during the annual impact lecture.

**Article 2. Nominations**

1. Every year before 1 July, The Board of the University invites the faculty boards to present their nominees in line with Article 1, i.e. one knowledge utilization project by a student and one by a researcher, before 1 December.

2. A knowledge utilization project is a project that has an impact. For the researchers, the impact must be the result of published academic research. The impact must be generated during the two years prior to the closing date for nominations. This rule does not apply to the research project itself. For the students, the impact must be the result of a thesis or research project that they completed for their degree programme within the academic year prior to the closing date of 1 December.

3. Eligible for nomination are
   a. Researchers employed by the UG (with a p number and at least an on-call contract) who have not yet reached retirement age at the time of the closing date for nominations:
   b. Students who were enrolled in one of the degree programmes of the UG in the academic year prior to the closing date of 1 December.

4. A nomination comprises
   - The designated nomination form (for students or staff members)
   - A concise curriculum vitae (no more than 1 page) for each nominee
   - An academic publication or thesis/research project that has had an impact.
   - The form, filled in and signed by a partner who is not a UG staff member or student, serves to demonstrate the impact
   - An appendix that illustrates the impact (e.g. a product/service, or report of an activity); this is optional

5. The nomination form and the curriculum vitae must be drawn up in English. The remaining documents can be drawn up either in English or in Dutch.

6. The candidates will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:
   a. Impact
   b. Cooperation with non-university partners
c. The quality of the academic publication or the thesis/research project.

7. An expert jury will select three researchers and three students as candidates out of all of the nominees. One of the researcher candidates and one of the student candidates will be awarded the UG Impact Award.

**Article 3. Jury**

1. Every year, the Board of the University puts together a jury of at least five and no more than seven members. This jury has expertise in the area of knowledge utilization in its broadest meaning.

2. The jury will judge the submitted nominations based on the criteria laid down in Article 2.5.

3. The decision about the proposal for the winners and honourable mentions of the UG Impact Award is made by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the Chair's vote is decisive.

4. The jury will present a motivated proposal for the winners of the UG Impact Award and the honourable mentions to the Board of the University by 1 March of the year following the closing date at the latest.

5. The decision of the jury is not open to discussion.

**Article 4. Decision**

1. Before 1 April of the year following the closing date, the Board of the University decides whether it will adopt the jury's proposal for the candidates and the winners.

2. The Board of the University will immediately notify the faculties of their decision and will inform them about the follow-up.

See this link for some inspiring examples of knowledge utilization [https://www.rug.nl/research/societal-themes/](https://www.rug.nl/research/societal-themes/) (bottom of the page). The examples shown are by no means related to the award described here.