

GESELLSCHAFT FÜR NETZÖKONOMIE, WETTBEWERBSÖKONOMIE UND
VERKEHRSWISSENSCHAFT AN DER UNIVERSITÄT FREIBURG i.Br. e.V.

Procedural guidelines for awarding the thesis prizes

1. The Gesellschaft für Netzökonomie, Wettbewerbsökonomie und Verkehrswissenschaft an der Universität Freiburg i.Br. e.V. (in the following: “the Gesellschaft”) grants, every year, up to one prize for a M.Sc. thesis, and up to one prize for a B.Sc. thesis.
2. Zweck der Gesellschaft ist:
 - i. die Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung und Lehre im Schwerpunkt Ordnung und Organisation der Wirtschaft, insbesondere auf den Gebieten der Netzökonomie, Wettbewerbsökonomie und Verkehrswissenschaft;
 - ii. die Nutzbarmachung wissenschaftlicher Erkenntnisse für die Lösung praktischer Fragen der Netzökonomie, Wettbewerbs-ökonomie und Verkehrswissenschaft;
 - iii. die Pflege der Beziehungen zwischen Wissenschaft und Praxis auf den einschlägigen Gebieten.
3. In accordance with paragraph 2 above, in particular paragraph 2(i), in order to be eligible, a thesis:
 - i. must have been submitted during the previous calendar year (e.g., between 01/01/2021 and 12/31/2021 for the prize granted during the calendar year 2022);
 - ii. must have been written by a student at the Institute of Economics of the University of Freiburg (in the following: “the Institute”) at one of the Chairs of the Institute;
 - iii. must closely relate to at least one of the relevant topics for the Gesellschaft, that is: Netzökonomie, Wettbewerbsökonomie and/or Verkehrswissenschaft;
 - iv. must have been written in German or in English.
4. There are two separate prizes with different endowments:
 - i. the best M.Sc. thesis satisfying the conditions listed in paragraph 3 above will be endowed with a 300 EUR prize;
 - ii. the best B.Sc. thesis satisfying the conditions listed in paragraph 3 above will be endowed with a 200 EUR prize.
5. The selection process is as follows:
 - i. Every year, the Director of the Abteilung für Wirtschaftspolitik insbesondere Wettbewerbsökonomie at the Institute in their role as Vorstand der Gesellschaft (in the following: “the director of the department”) circulates an open call to all professors of the Institute where they can each nominate up to one thesis for each of the two prizes, according to the criteria listed in paragraph 3 above.
 - ii. The director of the department then suggests a ranking of the pre-selected theses for each of the two prizes, and a committee composed of at least three professors of the Institute (including the director of the department) then decides on the final ranking.

- iii. The director of the department then contacts the students ranked first for each of the two prizes in order to ask them whether or not they accept the prize. If they refuse or if they cannot be contacted, the director of the department shall then move down the ranking to the next ranked student.

6. Awardees receive a certificate and may be announced on the Gesellschaft website.

7. Prizes may be handed out at a Gesellschaft event, handed out on a non-public occasion, or merely payed out. These modalities do not in any way reflect or influence the acknowledgement of the awardees' achievements.

8. Awardees must provide their banking information for payment of the prize.