
Regulations concerning Storm-van der Chijs Stipends



Preamble

The objective of the stipends is to encourage promising female PhD students of Wageningen University to pursue a career in science, and to enable them to distinguish themselves internationally through participating in international conferences or visiting foreign institutes.

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Article 1.

Each stipend amounts to € 1.500,-.

Article 2.

A maximum of three stipends are awarded every two years.

Article 3.

The Board of the Storm-van der Chijs Fund appoints a jury that will be composed of representatives of scientific expertise areas of Wageningen University. Once every two years, the Board of the Storm-van der Chijs Fund invites Wageningen University Professors to nominate PhD candidates for a stipend.

Article 4.

The task of the Jury consists of selecting and ranking the candidates for a stipend and to confidentially inform the Board of the Storm-van der Chijs Fund about their selection.

Criteria for assessing nominees for the Storm-van der Chijs stipends are:

1. Candidates should be female Wageningen PhD candidates who will defend their thesis in Wageningen.
2. Nomination should be done by a Wageningen professor and supervisor of the nominee.
3. The thesis defence of the nominee should take place after the awarding of the stipends.
4. The nominee should distinguish herself:
 - by having shown initiative in research design and implementation;
 - through establishing and using international contacts, exchange or collaboration in the design and implementation of the research;
 - through an interdisciplinary approach in research design and methodology.
 - through the ability to place obtained insights in a broader social and scientific context.

The Jury will report about the followed procedure and their considerations that led to the selection and ranking. The Jury's selection will be used by the Board of the Storm-van der Chijs in its final award decision. The nominated candidates and their supervisors will be informed about whether the candidate will be awarded about one week before the stipends are awarded.

Article 5.

In case a professor nominates more than one candidate, the respective nominator is required to rank the nominations in order of priority.

Article 6.

The stipend will be publicly awarded at a ceremony that is combined with the Storm-van der Chijs lecture or discussion. Invitees to this ceremonial gathering include the awardees with their supervisors, the other nominated candidates, the financial supporters of the Storm-van der Chijs Fund, representatives of the Wageningen University Fund and of Wageningen University and Research, as well as representatives of the press. Awardees will be offered a certificate.

Article 7.

After the stipends have been awarded, the Board of the Storm-van der Chijs Fund will allocate the funds at the request of the awardee. The request should entail a travel plan with associated budget, concerning a visit to one or more foreign scientific institutes and/or participation in one or more international conferences abroad in the candidate's field of expertise. It needs to be submitted for approval to the Board of the Storm-van der Chijs Fund. Reimbursement of cost made up to the amount of the stipend will be transferred after having received a short report together with the reimbursement request with receipts. The awardees are entitled to make use of their stipend until one year after the date of their thesis defence.

Article 8.

These regulations become effective the 8th of March, 2004.