

Rules for the awarding of the SGVC Innovation Prize

1. Aim and scope of the competition

The aim of the competition is to distinguish a maximum of three best Master's, Diploma or Bachelor's theses from the invited universities and institutes in the fields of process and chemical engineering and related fields of (bio)pharmaceutical, food or biotechnology productions. The aim is to award a prize for the best diploma thesis from the ETH domain, a prize for the best Master thesis from the UAS Domain and a third prize for the best Bachelor thesis from the UAS Domain. The main aspects to be rewarded are innovation, creative thinking and the courage to implement new ideas

2. Organization of the competition

The competition is organized and supervised by the SGVC, and it is opened to the invited colleges and institutes. A Jury selected by the SGVC will designate the laureates among all the candidates proposed by the participating universities and institutes.

3. Registration conditions

Any work completed since the last award ceremony and accomplished by students (male or female, irrelevant of their nationality) registered in the invited universities and institutes is eligible for the contest and can be submitted. Individuals as well as teams can participate in the competition. Works that are already registered or participated in other competitions are excluded from registration. Upon registering, the participants unconditionally agree with the rules and conditions of the competition as well as with the decisions of the jury

4. Selection of applicants from each university

Each professor from the universities and institutes invited by the SGVC can submit a maximum of one Bachelor's thesis and one Master's thesis for participation in the competition.

5. Jury

A jury is formed in order to evaluate the submitted works and designate the laureates. The jury is composed of the following members: Andreas Schreiner (SGVC, Jury chair), Ulrich Meier (Industry), Christoph Müller (ETH), Simon Crelier (FH), Herbert Matthys (Industry).

6. Evaluation of submitted works

Each jury member judges the submitted works according to predetermined evaluation criteria. In the case of a tie, the chairman of the jury decides on the winner.

7. Prize

A sum of CHF 2'000 will be awarded for the best Master's/Diploma theses; CHF 1'000 for the best Bachelor's thesis. The award ceremony will take place as a separate event or/and at the annual general meeting of the SGVC.

8. Liability of the organizers

SGVC reserves the right, for whatever reason, to shorten, extend, postpone, change or cancel the competition. Should such a situation arise, the SGVC commits itself to informing the competitors. Under no circumstances can the SGVC be held liable.

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