Art. 1. On the initiative of McKinsey & Company, the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) and the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS) will award each year two scientific awards to recently graduated PhD’s of a university of the Flemish Community and a university of the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles in Belgium respectively. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate the social and economic relevance or a concrete implementation of his/her PhD research. This PhD research should have been done in either exact sciences, applied sciences, social sciences, economy and management sciences, or biomedical sciences.

Art. 2. Both awards are worth 5,000 EURO and are to be awarded to junior researchers who have obtained their PhD (incl. public defence) between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019. For the award in the Flemish community the researcher has to be affiliated to a Flemish university (university as mentioned in art. 3 of the decree on universities in the Flemish community dd. 12 June 1991) on the date of the deadline. Applications from the Royal Military School are eligible.

Art. 3. Employees of McKinsey & Company cannot apply for this award, neither individually or as member of a university research group.

Art. 4. Candidates must not have been awarded a prize for the same work before (except awards without prize money).

Art. 5. The award for the Flemish community will be granted by the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) on the advice of a scientific jury appointed by FWO in line with the regulations and jurisprudence.

Art. 6. FWO may decide not to grant the award, in which case a new call for applications will be started. Such a new procedure will not impact the organisation and dates of future calls, however.

Art. 7. All problems that might arise in relation to the eligibility of the submitted applications or to the granting of the award will be decided upon by FWO.

Art. 8. McKinsey & Company may publish the awarded research after having consulted the author and with mention of the author’s name and function.

Art. 9. All applications for this award must be submitted to FWO by e-mail at prijzen@fwo.be by April 30, 2020 at the latest. Applicants are required to provide the following items of information:

- The application form, filled in correctly and completely; the form can be downloaded through the FWO’s website;
- A full and detailed CV;
- An electronic copy of the PhD thesis (preferably PDF or compatible).

Art. 10. The award cannot be shared between multiple laureates.

Art. 11. The jury’s deliberation is confidential and will not be published.