

IBM Innovation Award 2022

Art. 1. On the initiative of IBM, the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) will grant in 2022 the annual IBM Innovation Award, amounting to **5.000 €**, for an outstanding **PhD thesis** that presents an original **contribution to informatics or its applications** in one of the following fields :

- Artificial Intelligence
- Analytics & Big Data
- Cyber Security
- (Hybrid) Cloud Computing
- Quantum Computing

The informatics part of the work must be both thorough and advanced.

Art. 2. The Award is intended for an **individual researcher of at least postdoctoral status** who has publicly defended his/her PhD thesis obtained from a Flemish University **between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021**. Candidates must be affiliated to a recognized university on the date of the submission deadline. Candidates from the Royal Military Academy are also eligible.

Art. 3. The Award will be granted on the basis of the recommendations of a Jury of experts appointed by FWO. A representative of IBM may attend the Jury meeting as observer. If no suitable candidate can be identified, the Jury can decide not to grant the Award.

Art. 4. Applications, written in English, have to be submitted electronically to prijzen@fwo.be on **March 4, 2022** at the latest.

Art. 5. The application file must include:

- the application form;
- an executive summary of the thesis in max. 3 pages;
- a detailed curriculum vitae;
- a complete list of publications;
- an electronic version of the thesis.

The regulations and form are available on the website www.fwo.be.

Art. 6. The Award cannot be divided amongst several researchers.

Art. 7. Any question concerning the applications and the awarding of the Prize will be settled in a final and binding manner by FWO.

Art. 8. The jury deliberation is confidential.