Art. 1. On the initiative of Puratos, the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) will grant in 2023 the Scientific Award Puratos, amounting to 5,000 €, for an outstanding PhD thesis that presents an original contribution in food science, food technology and industrial food biotechnology (fermentation, industrial microbiology, biocatalysis, expression of enzymes and functional molecules and related up- and downstream processes etc.).

Art. 2. The Award is intended for an individual researcher who has publicly defended his/her PhD thesis obtained from a Flemish University between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022. Candidates must be affiliated to a recognized university or research institution 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 Puratos may attend the Jury meeting as an observer. If no suitable candidate can be identified, the Jury can decide not to grant the Award.

Art. 4. Employees from Puratos or its subsidiaries are not eligible for the Award.

Art. 5. Applications, written in English, have to be submitted electronically to prijzen@fwo.be on October 16, 2023 (midnight CEST) at the latest.

Art. 6. The application file must include:
- the application form;
- a detailed curriculum vitae including a complete list of publications;
- an electronic version of the thesis.

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

Art. 7. The Award cannot be shared amongst several researchers.

Art. 8. Any questions concerning the applications and the awarding of the Prize will be settled in a final and binding manner by FWO.

Art. 9. The jury deliberation is confidential.