

McKinsey & Company Scientific Award 2026

REGULATIONS



- Art. 1. Thanks to the patronage of McKinsey & Company, the FNRS will grant in 2025 the annual **McKinsey & Company Scientific Award** in the Federation Wallonia-Brussels to a researcher who can **demonstrate the societal and economic relevance, or the practical applicability of his/her doctoral thesis.**

The doctoral thesis must pertain to one of the following fields:

- Exact sciences,
- Applied sciences,
- Social, economic or management sciences,
- Biomedical sciences.

The Award amounts to **5.000 €**.

- Art. 2 **Eligibility criteria:**
- The thesis must have been **publicly defended in 2025** (from January 1st to December 31st) in a **university of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels or the Royal Military Academy.**
 - Candidates must be **affiliated to a recognized university** (within or outside the Federation Wallonia-Brussels) at the date of the Award submission deadline.
 - McKinsey & Company staff are not eligible to the Award.
 - The thesis may not have been previously rewarded, except by an honorary Award.
- Art. 3. The Award will be granted on basis of the recommendation of a multi-disciplinary Panel of experts appointed by the FNRS. A representative of McKinsey & Company may attend the Panel meeting as observer.
- Art. 4. Applications, **written in English**, have to be submitted by email by **March 2, 2026 (midnight Brussels time)** at the latest to prix@frs-fnrs.be. The requested documents are:
- the application form;
 - a detailed curriculum vitae
 - a list of publications;
 - an electronic version of the thesis.

The regulations and form are available on the website www.frs-fnrs.be.

- Art. 5. The Award cannot be divided between several researchers. If no suitable candidate can be identified, the Panel can decide not to grant the Award.
- Art. 6. Any issue regarding the eligibility of the applications or the granting of the Award will be settled in a final and binding manner by the FNRS.
- Art. 7. The deliberations of the Panel are confidential and may not be revealed.

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