

Formal requirements for FGB Junior Career Award applicants

- Any FGB PhD candidate (external, guest or appointed) may be nominated for the award;
- The defence has taken place/will take place at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam;
- Candidates must have had their dissertation approved by the dean *or* defended their dissertation in the past academic year between September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024;
- The PhD candidate should be available for the interview, either in person or online;
- Each FGB department may nominate at most one candidate per year;
- Candidates may only be nominated once for the FGB Junior Career Award.

Nomination

The *head of the department* must submit the following as one combined PDF before October 1, 2024:

- a CV (*maximum three pages*) including reference to the candidate's top three publications
- a letter of motivation explaining the candidate's most important output (keywords: scientific and/or social impact, innovation etc.), including up to five key statements describing the candidate's achievements during his or her PhD (*maximum 1 page*);
- a recommendation (*maximum one page*) from the candidate's supervisor including an assessment of the candidate based on the following criteria:
 - impact in the field;
 - innovation;
 - scientific quality of the thesis (research questions, methods and analysis)
 - coherence studies / experiments;
 - independence of thinking;
 - expert recognition;
 - clinical relevance (if appropriate);
 - societal impact;
 - language and style;
- an optional second recommendation from an external assessor (*maximum one page*).