

## Umicore Materials Technology PhD Award 2017

### REGULATIONS



- Art. 1. On the initiative of Umicore, the Fund for Scientific Research-FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS) and the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) will grant in 2017 the **Umicore Materials Technology PhD Award** for an original contribution in one of the following fields:
  - Recycling / resources scarcity (related to metals)
  - Materials for catalysis
  - Materials for batteries.
- Art. 2. This Award amounts to **10.000 €** and will be granted to a researcher **having obtained his PhD between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2016** from a recognized university (worldwide).
- Art. 3. The Award will be granted on the basis of the recommendations of an independent Jury of scientific experts, appointed by the F.R.S.-FNRS and the FWO, and following an evaluation procedure in two stages. The first stage consists of a Jury review of all applications, in which the highest-ranked candidates will be shortlisted. In a second stage, shortlisted candidates will be invited to present their research (through videoconference interview) to a joint evaluation committee of the scientific Jury and representative members of Umicore R&D staff. From this second stage of the evaluation the final laureate will eventually be chosen.
- Art. 4. The joint Jury committee may decide not to grant the Award. This decision will not affect the dates for granting subsequent Awards.
- Art. 5. Any questions concerning the applications and the granting of the Award will be settled in a final and binding manner by the F.R.S. - FNRS.
- Art. 6. **No candidate may previously have been granted an Award for the same work**, unless the Award was purely honorific or amounts to no more than 1.000 €. Should a candidate receive an Award after submitting the application but before being informed of the Jury's decision, he/she will inform the F.R.S.-FNRS without delay.
- Art. 7. Umicore, in consultation with the Award winner, has the right to publish the work receiving the Award, mentioning the name and the position of the author. Whenever the awarded work is published, the Umicore Materials Technology PhD Award must be acknowledged.
- Art. 8. Candidates must be in a position to interact freely with Umicore.
- Art. 9. No present or former employee of Umicore or its branches is eligible for the Award. Likewise any research carried out in collaboration with Umicore cannot be taken into consideration.
- Art. 10. Applications, written in English, have to be submitted using the appropriate form by Monday **July 3, 2017** at the latest (UTC+1). The application form, an executive summary of max. 5 pages emphasizing the originality of the research, a summary in layman's terms, an electronic version of the PhD thesis and a curriculum vitae have to be submitted via email to [prix@frs-fnrs.be](mailto:prix@frs-fnrs.be).

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