



Netherlands Court of Audit Thesis Prize Regulations

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Who and which theses can win the Thesis Prize?

- The Thesis Prize is awarded for a master's or post-master's thesis.
- You can apply if your thesis was approved between 1 October 2019 and 30 September 2022 by a Dutch university that is a member of Universities of the Netherlands (formerly VSNU) or by Nyenrode Business University.
- Your thesis must have received a mark of 8 or higher.
- The thesis must consider a topic of relevance to the Netherlands Court of Audit. The Court of Audit's work covers a very wide range of research areas. Suitable topics include accountability for public funds, public finance management, auditing, efficacy and functioning of government policy and the role of institutions such as the Court of Audit in a modern democracy. If your thesis meets these criteria, we warmly invite you to submit it for the Thesis Prize. More information on our work, our reports and other publications can be found on our website: www.rekenkamer.nl/publicaties.
- The Thesis Prize is not open to staff, interns and trainees of the Netherlands Court of Audit.

How to take part

- You can apply to take part by submitting the following documents before 1 October 2022 via scriptieprijs@rekenkamer.nl:
 - a summary of your thesis in Dutch or English, see below (in PDF),
 - your entire thesis in Dutch or English (in PDF),
 - grade list,
 - your curriculum vitae (in PDF).

- The thesis, summary and the grade list can be in either Dutch or English.
- The summary of your thesis may not be longer than 2 A4s (1,000 words).

The summary must include:

- the reasons for the research;
- the research questions;
- the research methods;
- the main conclusions;
- the relevance to the Court of Audit.

Who will judge the entries and how?

- A jury from the Court of Audit will assess the summaries and theses, and select the first, second and third prize winners.
- The jury will judge the quality of the theses as to their originality, creativity, policy relevance, analytical level and readability.

Who is in the jury?

- The jury consists of the following members of the Court of Audit:
- Barbara Joziasse (Board member)
- Miranda Pirkovski (audit director)
- Mark Smolenaars (deputy Secretary-General/audit director)
- Esther Meijer-Van Leijsen (auditor)
- Maarten de Jong (auditor)
- Sjoerd Keulen (auditor)
- Laurens Wijtvliet (auditor)

How and when will the winners be announced?

- We will contact the winners of the first, second and third prizes by phone or video link. We will then announce their names in a news item with photos on our website (www.rekenkamer.nl/scriptieprijs) and on our intranet. The jury will announce the winners at the end of 2022.
- The jury's decision is final and cannot be contested.

What can you win?

- The winner of the first prize will receive a cash prize of €2,000 and a certificate. During the award ceremony, the winner of the first prize will also be invited to present the winning thesis at the Court of Audit's office in The Hague.
- The winner of the second prize will receive a cash prize of €1,000 and a certificate.
- The winner of the third prize will receive a cash prize of €500 and a certificate.

When is the award ceremony?

- The award ceremony will take place at the Court of Audit's office in The Hague on 16 February 2023.

What's in the small letters (apart from all of the above)?

- By applying to take part, you give the Court of Audit permission to circulate your thesis and curriculum vitae internally and to use them for its own internal audit and recruitment purposes.
- You also give the Court of Audit permission to use your thesis, summary and your name and study details for publicity purposes, for instance via social media channels such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, the Court of Audit's own website and national newspapers. Personal details such as your telephone number, address and date of birth will be treated in strict confidence and will not be made public.
- In first instance, the thesis may not be part of a current or forthcoming audit by the Court of Audit. The Court of Audit, however, may later draw on a thesis in its own audits.
- The Court of Audit's award of the Thesis Prize does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the thesis.
- Photos can be taken at the award ceremony. They may also be shared via the aforementioned social media and other channels.
- By taking part, you indemnify the Court of Audit from, among other things, all liability for infringements of copyright, including third party rights.
- By taking part, you declare that you have read and understood these regulations and agree to them.
- The jury shall decide on cases not foreseen in these regulations.

More information

Information on the Netherlands Court of Audit Thesis Prize is available at www.rekenkamer.nl/scriptieprijs. For further or other information, please contact scriptieprijs@rekenkamer.nl.