



Call for submissions for the inaugural Worms Prize 2022

The Worms Prize to be awarded to an outstanding doctoral student has been established through the generous donation of the Worms family in remembrance of Gérard Worms, former Director of the French Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU). The prize aims at recognizing excellence in an in-progress PhD research project and at deepening the connections between Israel-based and France-based researchers on topics of desertification, water resources, and desert agriculture.

The prize will be in the amount of €5,000 per student each year. Nominations will be reviewed and winners will be selected by a panel composed of Israeli experts in Israel and French experts in France.

The successful applicant will demonstrate excellence in research, with the potential for significant impact in improved agricultural water management, arid soil protection, desertification mitigation and remediation, or overall agricultural improvements in arid environments.

Criteria for submission:

Current enrollment at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Ben-Gurion University in Israel, or at any French Ecoles Doctorales, and affiliated schools, universities and research centers in France.

Approval of PhD proposal no later than October 1, 2022, and at least one year before expected submission of the dissertation (BGU); or during the last doctoral year before final submission and defense, preferably after the last thesis committee meeting (France).

Maximum age: 35 years old.

Fields of research: desertification, agricultural water use and management, water science and technology, hydrology, agronomy.

Materials:

- Cover Page with the following information:
 - ✓ Full Name
 - ✓ Gender
 - ✓ Date of Birth
 - ✓ Title of Thesis
 - ✓ Graduation Date (or expected graduation date)
 - ✓ Field of Research/Main Discipline
 - ✓ Passport Size Photo
- Complete CV, including publication list
- Approved PhD proposal (BGU) or last committee meeting report (France)
- One-page summary of the doctoral work's achievements to date: the issues at stake, the subject's originality or innovative features, methodology, key findings, and recommendations
- Recommendation letter from the PhD advisor

Please send by post mail or email the submission materials in English, in PDF format, preferably in one single file

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Deadline for submission:

November 7, 2022