



Dissertation Award Dennie Lockefer Chair

Regulations established by the steering committee of the Chair Dennie Lockefer

1. To stimulate studies on intermodal transport (road – IWT – rail), the Dennie Lockefer Chair awards an annual prize.
2. The Chair Dennie Lockefer wants to reward a student and/or graduate, preferably under the age of 30 at the time of application for the prize, for a bachelor- or master's thesis with high scientific value.
3. The bachelor- or master's thesis must be written in Dutch or English.
4. The bachelor- or master's thesis must deal with a subject related to intermodal transport.
5. The prize package consists of gold 1 000 EUR, for the winner of the thesis prize, silver 500 EUR for the student/graduate in the second place and bronze 250 EUR for the student/graduate in the third place. In addition to the check, a certificate will also be handed over.
6. The bachelor- or master's thesis must be submitted one academic year earlier at the relevant university or university college. **The theses that are eligible for the 2026 prize were submitted in the academic year 2024-2025.**
7. In 2021, the steering committee decided to award prizes following the partner packages (see Article 5). Depending on financing, the steering group can change the amount and periodicity of the price.
8. A call is launched annually in autumn.
9. The submitted theses must be submitted in digital form (doc file + pdf file). An executive summary, curriculum vitae, and motivation letter will also be added. These documents must be sent **by 31 January 2026** at the latest to the following mail address: katelyn.tahaney@uantwerpen.be. The receipt is confirmed.
10. The Department of Transport and Regional Economics (TPR) ensures the implementation of these regulations.
11. After the submission date, the holder of the chair first examines the admissibility of the applications and makes a preselection (from long-list to short-list). The nominees will be invited to the Spring 2026 steering committee for an oral explanation of their thesis. An interdisciplinary committee will appoint a laureate before 1 May 2026. The committee is composed of the promoters of the Dennie Lockefer Chair, a representative of Van Moer Logistics, golden partners, and other scientific and sector experts. The decision taken by the majority vote is not communicated. No appeal is possible against the jury's decision.
12. Taking into account the vision of Dennie Lockefer, the Committee takes into account both the scientific qualities and the social and economic relevance of the study in its assessment. The committee has the authority to decide whether the thesis prize is not awarded.
13. The electronic version of the award-winning thesis will be published on the website of the University of Antwerp appropriately.

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