

DOCTORAL AWARD 2024

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THESIS DEFENDED IN 2022 AND 2023

THE VINE AND WINE BUSINESS CHAIR

The Vine and Wine Business Chair gathers Institut Agro Montpellier, INRAE and Université de Montpellier as well as nine companies: AdVini, AgroSud, Diam, ICV, InVivo Foundation, Lallemand Oenology, Mercier, Moët Hennessy et Vignerons de Buzet.

The chair is designed as a think tank gathering companies from the vine and wine sector and Montpellier's research and education arena, to carry out actions of common interest in relation to Training, Research and Knowledge Transfer.

The chair's work is structured around four priority themes:

- Climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- Reduction of environmental impact;
- Improvement of wine quality in response to new consumers and markets expectations;
- Foresight : imagine futures for the sector and prepare for them.

The Vine and Wine Business Chair offers a prize of **2,000 euros** to reward a PhD thesis defended in 2022 or 2023, of high scientific quality, and falling within one of the four priority themes above.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The prize is awarded to a candidate of any nationality, having defended his/her PhD thesis in a French doctoral school between **1st January 2022 and 31st December 2023**;
- The research topic covered in the thesis must concern one or more of the chair's four priority themes;
- The thesis must not be confidential.

APPLICATION FILE

- A 2 to 3-page note, written in English or in French, presenting the issues of the thesis, the work carried out and the main results
- CV of the candidate
- Reports of the thesis referees
- A copy of the thesis (electronic file)

Applications must be sent before **1st March 2024**, only by e-mail, to the following address: philippe.mac-clenahan@supagro.fr.

AWARD OF THE PRIZE

The Chair's Strategic Steering Committee, which includes representatives of institutional members and private partners, will select the winner.

There are six selection criteria:

- Address one or more of the four priority themes of the chair
- Quality of scientific contribution
- Valorization of work, including publication of articles
- Quality of the work of synthesis: ability to summarize and make accessible to an uninitiated public the work and results achieved
- Innovative contribution, pushing further the front of science, opening up new perspectives
- The interest of work for the wine sector

CONDUCT OF THE CONTEST AND CALENDAR

For 2024, the Contest will take place as follows :

- On 22/12/2023 : dissemination of the call for applications
- Up to 01/03/2024 : submission of applications by email to philippe.mac-clenahan@supagro.fr
- In March 2024 : pre-selection of the 3 best candidates
- In April 2024 : Oral presentations of the 3 pre-selected candidates and selection of the winner
- In May 2024 : Award ceremony

The three best candidates will be invited to present their thesis in front of the Strategic Steering Committee of the Vine and Wine Business Chair. The prize will be awarded by one of the chair's enterprises, member of the KIM, i.e. Agrosud, Lallemand, or Mercier.

The winner will be asked to produce a 5 minutes video, presenting the challenges of his/her thesis, the results obtained and their interests. This video will be published on the chair's website.