**FGB junior career award (up to a maximum of €500)**

The FGB junior career award is aimed at talented PhD candidates who have recently defended their thesis or are in their final stages of preparing their thesis. It is awarded to a candidate as appreciation of his/her contribution to the scientific field of study and as an encouragement in the initial stage of an academic career.

**Procedure**

Each department head may put one candidate forward per year. This year’s deadline is June 1 2017. Send applications by mail to pec.fgb@vu.nl. The PEC will evaluate the submitted applications and interview invited candidates on June 16 2017, from 10 – 12 hrs. The department head and the PhD candidate will be informed of the outcome within 6 weeks after the deadline.

**Formal Requirements**

- Any FGB PhD candidate (external, guest or appointed) may be nominated for the award;
- The defence has taken place/will take place at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam;
- If the defence took place, the date for the defence should not be before June 1 2016;
- Form II must have been signed in the period June 1 2016 – May 30 2017;
- The PhD candidate should be available for the interview, either in person or via Skype;
- The PhD candidate may be nominated once for the FGB junior career award.

**Nomination**

The head of the department must submit the following:

- a CV (*maximum 3 pages*) including reference to top 3 publications;
- a letter of motivation specifying what has been important and why (keywords: scientific and/or social impact, innovation etc.) and up to 5 statements on what s/he has achieved during the trajectory (maximum 1 page);
- a recommendation (maximum 1 page) by the supervisor including an assessment of the thesis based on the criteria:
  - impact in the field;
  - innovation;
  - scientific quality of the thesis (research questions, methods and analysis)
  - coherence studies / experiments;
  - independence of thinking;
  - expert recognition;
  - clinical relevance (if appropriate);
  - societal impact;
  - language and style;
- an optional 2nd recommendation by external assessor (maximum 1 page).