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Call for Applications: SNETP to launch Innovation Prize at the SNETP Forum 2024

Happening in Rome from April 17th to 19th, the SNETP Forum is set to award special prizes aimed at fostering innovation within the nuclear sector.

Eligible candidates are individuals who are currently enrolled in or have completed their doctoral studies (PhD) in the nuclear field at an Italian institution between 2022 and 2026.

Recognizing that students represent the future of the EU nuclear industry, we are excited to announce a unique opportunity during our gala dinner on April 18th: winners will have the exciting opportunity to pitch their topics in front of the large and diverse audience that will attend the prestigious SNETP gala dinner, gathering representatives from industrial sectors, research and development organizations, academia, TSO, SMEs, and non-governmental bodies.

These unique awards will serve as a platform to highlight ground-breaking advances in nuclear technology and research. Three categories of prizes are available to doctoral students based in Italy:

- The **Jury Prize**, awarded by a panel of experts hailing from academia, industry, and TSO (Technical and Scientific Organizations)
- The **Peer Prize**, based on an evaluation made by the candidates themselves
- The **SNETP Innovation Prize**, awarded by members of the SNETP Committee for Scientific and Industrial Innovation, composed of members of the SNETP Governing Board. The prize will be granted to promising PhDs conducting work on innovative topics within the nuclear field.

The call for applications will be initiated by February 26th. Prospective applicants will be required to submit their proposals, encapsulating their PhD topic, research objectives, identified challenges, methodology employed, and collaborations, all within a concise maximum of two pages.

Winners will receive symbolic prizes along with the SNETP recognition signed by the President and Vice President.

Up to 15 eligible candidates will be exempted from any fees to attend the SNETP Forum.

Applications can be submitted by March 20th. Eligible candidates will be notified by March 22nd and results will be known by the first week of April.



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SNETP Innovation Prize

Guidelines for applicants
Evaluation and eligibility Criterion

Date: 26/02/2024



Guidelines for applicants

These guidelines for applicants relate to the SNETP Innovation Prize opened on 26/02/2024 and aim to facilitate the preparation of the application and to clarify the steps after the application submission. The entire process is summarized in the following application process flowchart:



26/02/2024	Consult the guideline for applicants and prepare the information and documents needed for application. Submit the application
20/03/2024	Closure of the applications
22/03/2024	Notification sent to eligible candidates
4/04/2024	Notification sent to the awardees
18/04/2024	Pitch during the SNETP Gala Dinner

Scope

The SNETP Forum 2024 will be the occasion to award special prizes aimed at fostering innovation within the nuclear sector. Three awards will be offered on behalf of SNETP with the aim to promote interactions between the established nuclear R&D and industrial actors and the young generation of engineers and researchers.

Purpose

- The awards shall help successful candidates to enlarge their network of professional contacts and further develop international collaboration by working on their research and/or innovation topic with European and international sectorial experts and professionals.
- Winners will have the opportunity to pitch their topics (5 min speech) in front of the large and diverse audience of the SNETP gala dinner, gathering representatives from industrial sectors, research and development organizations, academia, TSO, SMEs, and non-governmental bodies.
- Winners will receive prizes (a tablet, laptop, or other gadgets) along with a SNETP diploma signed by the President and Vice President. Up to 15 eligible candidates will be exempted from any fees to attend the SNETP Forum.

The 3 prizes

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Application form

- Structured CV (**1 page max**)
- **2-pages** application form including:
 1. Short **summed up biography** about the applicant (500 words max)
 2. Short description of the **personal project** and its timeline and the motivation of the applicant (500 words max)
 3. **PhD topic** - explain your research objectives, identified challenges, methodology employed, and collaborations (500 words max)

Award Selection criteria

Eligible candidates are individuals who are currently enrolled in or have completed their doctoral studies (PhD) in the nuclear field at an Italian institution between 2022 and 2026.

- **The three Prizes will be evaluated based on the following criterion:**
 - PhD field of research and its compatibility with SNETP SRIA (out of 5) ;
 - Motivation (out of 5) ;
 - Innovation aspect of the project (out of 5).

For each criterion, a minimum threshold of 3 points is required. The total score is calculated as the sum of the scores of the three main criteria. Successful candidates will need to obtain at least 10 points out of 15. The applications are ranked based on the total scores given by the reviewers.

The evaluation matrix will serve as a basis for a fair, transparent, and efficient selection process. In case of equal scores, the score on “Innovation aspect of the PhD” will be decisive.

Application submission deadline is March 20th, 2024. Send your applications to secretariat@snetp.eu with the subject line “Innovation Prize”.

Legal effects of the invitation

Applicants who submit a proposal and proceed to the next stage agree to actively participate in the Peer Prize evaluation phase. This includes completing the evaluation matrix, which assesses nominated projects according to predetermined criteria, providing thoughtful feedback to peers, and attending mandatory evaluation discussions. Your valuable insights will help shape the selection process and ensure a fair and transparent outcome.



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