HOLLAND SOCIETY YOUNG TALENT AWARDS 2026

for students in the field of science and technology

The Holland Society Young Talent Awards are awarded annually to promote academic education in technical and science subjects. There are two prize categories:

- **KHMW GRADUATION AWARDS**, 18 prizes for exceptional achievements (master thesis/ research report). For students who graduate in the academic year 2025/2026 at a Dutch institution of academic education. Prizes are awarded in the following disciplines:

Biology (1 prize of € 3.000)
Chemistry and Process Technology (1 prize of € 3.000)
Data Science (1 prize of € 3.000)
Informatics and Information Science (1st prize of € 3.000, two 2nd prizes of each € 1.000)
Life Sciences (1st prize of € 3.000, 2nd prize of € 2.000, 3nd prize of € 1.000)
Physics (1st prize of € 3.000, 2nd prize of € 1.000)
Plant Sciences (1 prize of € 3.000)
Astronomy (2 prizes of each € 3.000) (*)
Theoretical Physics (1 prize of € 3.000)
Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science (1 prize of € 3.000)
Mathematics (1st prize of € 3.000, 2nd prize of € 1.000)

(*) For the astronomy graduation prizes, each programme may submit a maximum of two entries for consideration.

- **KHMW INCENTIVE AWARDS**, 68 prizes of each € 500 for the best grades achieved in the first year at a Dutch institution for academic education. Prizes are awarded in te following disciplines:

Artificial Intelligence (8 prizes)
Biology (7 prizes)
Biomedical Technology (3 prizes)
Chemical Engineering (3 prizes)
Civil and Marine Engineering (3 prizes)
Pharmacy or (Bio)pharmaceutical Sciences (4 prizes)
Informatics and Technical Informatics (10 prizes)
Aerospace (2 prizes)
Physics and Technical Physics (8 prizes)
Chemistry (6 prizes)
Astronomy (2 prizes)
Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science (3 prizes)
Mathematics and Technical Mathematics (9 prizes)

<u>Closing date for nominations is 17 September 2026</u>

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BEFORE NOMINATING YOUR STUDENT, PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

INFORMATION GRADUATION AWARDS

We warmly invite lecturers to nominate one student who graduates from a Dutch research university in the academic year 2025/2026. A student may be nominated for one prize only. It is not possible to nominate the same student for several KHMW graduation prizes. Nominations may only be submitted with the written consent of the lecturers involved in the candidate's programme of study and assessment.

The scientific quality and innovative character of the graduation thesis/research report, as well as the overall achievements of the candidates during their studies will be evaluated by a commission of experts nominated by the board of KHMW.

Nominations should be submitted digitally via the online nomination form at the KHMW website: https://khmw.nl/jong-talent-prijzen-young-talent-awards/.

INFORMATION INCENTIVE AWARDS

We kindly invite the relevant study programmes to nominate a first-year student who has achieved the best study results in the academic year 2025/2026 for one of the Young Talent Incentive Awards. In consultation with the sponsors, 68 programmes in exact and technical subjects have been designated for an Incentive Award. Nominations can only be made by the relevant study programmes. The nominations will be assessed by a commission of delegates - members of KHMW - nominated by the board of KHMW.

Nominations should be submitted digitally, via the online nomination form at the KHMW website: https://khmw.nl/jong-talent-prijzen-young-talent-awards/.

We look forward to receiving your nomination for the benefit of your field of science, the possible laureate and the promotion of these prestigious awards. The prize award ceremony will take place in the Hodshon House in Haarlem, seat of the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities (KHMW), Monday 30 November 2026. Please consult our website for more information about the Young Talent Awards and other KHMW prizes. Questions? Mail to prijzen@khmw.nl.

The prizes are awarded by the KHMW on the nomination of the faculties, examination boards and thesis supervisors concerned, and are made possible by the following companies, foundations, funds and societies:

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