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Rules for the awarding of S2A3 medal

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Rules for awarding of the S2A3 bronze medal

1 Aim

The S2A3 Bronze Medal is awarded annually to the best Master's student at the North-West University in the following fields:

Potchefstroom Campus

- Natural Sciences
- Engineering
- Health Sciences (human sciences)

Vaal Triangle Campus

- Economic Sciences and Information Technology (MSc ONLY)

Mafikeng Campus

- Agriculture, Science and Technology

2 Eligibility

Candidates who submitted the final copy for examination in the previous year will be eligible for nomination, i.e. candidates whose degree was awarded at the spring ceremony of the previous year or the fall ceremony of the current year.

3 Selection procedure

- 3.1 The relevant Dean (in consultation with the management committee of the faculty) is requested to nominate a candidate who completed the Master's degree (which must include a dissertation or mini dissertation) with distinction in the eligible period as indicated above. The nominated candidate should not exceed the maximum time allowed for completion of the Master's degree.
- 3.2 Nominations must be accompanied by the following documents:
 - The completed nomination form;
 - examiner's reports;
 - Copies of research outputs;
 - other supporting documents.

The documentation must be submitted in electronic format by e-mail to lucas.venter@nwu.ac.za.

- 3.3 Adjudication Panel: The DVC: Research, Innovation and Technology will convene an adjudication panel to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the nominations received from faculties. The panel can select an overall winner who will receive the medal, as well as campus winners who will each receive a certificate. The panel will include at least the DVC: RIT, the Institutional Director: Research Support, the three Campus vice-rectors and the relevant Deans. The panel will restrict its discussion to the information as given in the submitted nomination form. If necessary, the relevant study leader can be requested to provide further motivation.

4 Guidelines for evaluation

- 4.1 All aspects of the Master's study (theory and practical examinations as well as the dissertation and/or mini dissertation) must be taken into consideration.
- 4.2 If the M-degree is followed directly after completion of a B-degree, the part that agrees with normal honour's study is not taken into consideration.
- 4.3 The criteria for evaluation can include the following:

- Articles originating from the study, presentations originating from the study that was presented at conferences as well as a general evaluation of the contribution of the study to the particular subject.

5 Presentation ceremony

After receiving the the *Curriculum Vitae* of the successful applicant, the sponsor supplies the medal. It is presented at the annual research function each year with acknowledgement to the *Southern Africa Association for the Advancement of Science*. The certificates of the campus winners are also presented at such an occasion.

6 Deviation from the Rules

Deviation from the rules may in certain cases be allowed with permission of the Vice Chancellor or his delegate.

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