**Prize Best clinical doctorate** / **Prize** **Best non-clinical doctorate**

If the thesis is eligible for the ‘Best clinical doctorate’ or ‘Best non-clinical doctorate’ prize, the supervisor with administrative responsibility must **propose it** **at the time the thesis is submitted along with a written argumentation mentioned on the ‘A**[**pplication form doctorate examination board**](https://www.ugent.be/di/nl/onderzoek/doctoraat/formulieren/aanvraag-examencommissie)**’**, on which the proposition is based. One or more of the following criteria may apply:

a) publications with exceptional impact

b) special prizes for oral and/or poster presentations

c) patent application and/or value resulting from the doctoral research

d) distinctive societal value

e) any other argument that indicates the exemplary character of the doctoral research.

The chairperson of the examination board will **discuss such proposition with the examination board** **during the private and public defence.** The examination board shall decide whether or not the doctorate is eligible for the prize of best clinical doctorate or best non-clinical doctorate of that academic year and shall pass this on to the ‘Doctorates’ FCWO subcommittee. To this end, this subcommittee is supplemented with additional FCWO members as proposed by the FCWO. At the end of the academic year, the subcommittee will then nominate one laureate for the ‘Best clinical doctorate’ prize and one laureate for the ‘Best non-clinical doctorate’ prize and submit their proposal to the FCWO. Finally, the nomination is submitted to the faculty board to make the final decision.

The award ceremony takes place during the annual interfaculty ‘Research Day & Student Research Symposium’ organised by the Committees of Scientific Research and the student councils of the faculties of Medicine and Health Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Veterinary Medicine: (<https://www.ugent.be/ge/nl/onderzoek/rd-srs.htm>).

The laureates are expected to **give an oral presentation during this symposium**.