

Frits de Waard Penning

For the best and most original epidemiological research
by a student in medicine or epidemiology

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The Julius Center for Health Sciences and Primary Care is proud to announce the 'Frits de Waard Penning'. This award is intended for students who have conducted excellent epidemiological research in the field of medicine, biomedical sciences, or health sciences. Every year two awards are available:

- Best and most original research by a medical student
- Best and most original research by an epidemiology master's student

A jury will select the best entries.

The aim of this award is to encourage promising young researchers who are at the start of their career by acknowledging their achievements.

Background to the award

Professor de Waard was the first professor of Epidemiology at Utrecht University. His research career started with a self-initiated project in South Africa. He collected urine samples of thousands of women for hormonal analysis, also using the sediments to produce smears to determine the phase of the menstrual cycles. From there he, with foresight, took a risk in pioneering Xerox mammograms and stored these mammograms and the urine samples in a biobank. He believed that it was ultimately always the data that would prove or disprove a hypothesis. He was the founder of the PREVENTICON breast and cervical cancer screening center and the DOM breast cancer project.

The Frits de Waard Penning is intended particularly for students who have performed epidemiological research themselves with an emphasis on originality and active participation by the student in the research project.

The award

Besides the Frits de Waard Penning, the winners will receive an incentive of 500 euros.

Eligibility criteria

- Medicine or Epidemiology (Postgraduate) students (or recent graduates) from Utrecht University and/or University Medical Center Utrecht
- Research project was performed during the studies
- The research project used empirical and/or simulated data (i.e. in a primary study or systematic review) to answer a research question in the field of (clinical) epidemiology
- The student has had a fundamental and crucial role in the research project's conception, design, data collection, data analysis, and is the main author responsible for the conception and finalization of the manuscript.

How to apply

Fill out the application form on the [Awards page](#) of the UMC Utrecht website. Please prepare the following documents:

- The original manuscript, including information about the period during which the research project was performed and under whose supervision.
- The student's Curriculum Vitae, including the following items: personal details (date of birth, place of birth, country of birth), education, work experience and, in detail, research experience (e.g. internships, poster presentations, oral presentations, scientific publications, etc.)
- A supporting letter written by the student (max 1 x A4) in which the student explains why he or she thinks that his or her research project distinguishes itself from other projects in terms of the originality of the research question and/or the study design, methods of data collection and/or the complexity of the data analysis. The student clearly sets out why he or she feels that he or she should receive the Frits de Waard Penning.
- A letter of recommendation from the student's supervisor (max 1 x A4) in which he or she explains how the student contributed to the study design, data collection, data analysis and drafting of the final manuscript.

Selection of manuscripts

Manuscripts will be judged by a jury of qualified epidemiological staff.

Note: the decision of the jury concerning the winning manuscript(s) is final.

Manuscripts will be judged on the following aspects:

- Relevance of the research question to medical practice, science and society
- Methodological quality of the study design, data collection and data analysis
- Quality of the reporting of the research project

Presentation of the award

The award will be presented during the Thesis Awards.

Questions

Any questions regarding this award should be addressed to: msc-epidemiology@umcutrecht.nl.