

2022-2023

International SECO Magnel PhD Award

In memory of Professor Gustave Magnel, a great scholar and engineer inspiring excellence in research, who was one of its founders and subsequently its managing director, SECO created in 1963 a prize initially known as the 'Gustave Magnel' prize. The goal of this prize is to encourage scientific research applied to construction while recognising researchers working in this field.

In order to better reflect SECO diversification and international outreach, the 'Gustave Magnel' prize has been merged with the 'Jacques Verdeyen' prize and is now called 'International SECO Magnel PhD Award'. This 10.000€ prize is awarded every two years to the author of a doctoral thesis in any construction, civil, structural or architectural engineering or material related topics without any restriction as long as it can be related to the SECO Group (www.groupseco.com) activities.

Awarding regulations of the International SECO Magnel PhD Award for the period 2022-2023

1. The prize may be awarded to a researcher who has obtained a doctoral degree in the European Higher Education Area during the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023. The researcher must be under 40 years on the date of PhD completion. Doctoral theses may be drafted in Dutch, French, German or English.
2. The application should be accompanied by a note in which the candidate shows the practical applicability of the scientific work and its possible relationship with the SECO Group activities.
3. The application should be submitted no later than 31 August 2024 to SECO, 9 Hermeslaan, B-1831 Diegem, in 2 printed copies containing the full name, residence, e-mail address, and the place and date of birth of the author, as well as his/her titles and positions and a brief curriculum vitae as well as a summary of 1 page which will be used for communication. The digital version of the thesis, the CV and the accompanying notes should be sent in PDF format to the following e-mail address: prix_magnel@seco.be.
4. The SECO Technical Advisory Board is entrusted with reviewing the applications and awarding the Award. The Technical Advisory Board may ask the candidate questions to get clarifications concerning the application if necessary. The decisions of the Technical Advisory Board are final. If more than one application is deemed to be of equal interest, the Award may be exceptionally shared.
5. The Laureate is awarded the 'International SECO Magnel PhD Award' for the period 2022-2023. The Laureate agrees to deliver a short speech for a large audience during the award ceremony (to be scheduled) and submit a short paper in a professional journal (to be determined).