

APREN 2022 Award

Regulation

Article 1 – Scope

The APREN Award aims to distinguish the best academic master's and doctoral dissertations, written in Portuguese or English, within the scope of renewable electricity, carried out in higher education institutions in Portugal.

The winning thesis will be presented at APREN's annual conference (Portugal Renewable Energy Summit), which will take place on November 16 and 17, at Culturgest's Grand Auditorium, in Lisbon, and will later be published on the Association's website and social networks.

Article 2 – Theme

2.1 – The theme of master's dissertations should be related to "direct and indirect electrification based on renewable resources", namely in the areas of production, distribution, management and regulation, market, and consumption, covering scientific, technological, economic aspects and still others that promote decarbonization in a sustainable way.

Article 3 – Applications

3.1 – In order for applications to be accepted, they must fulfil the requirements and formalities described in points 3.2 to 3.11.

3.2 – The APREN 2022 Award is applicable to master's and doctoral theses completed, approved, and classified between August 1, 2021, and September 15, 2022, by higher education institutions in Portugal.

3.3 – The topic must fall within the scope of that described in point 2.1.

3.4 – Applications for works submitted in previous editions will not be accepted.

3.5 – The members of the Jury will not evaluate theses from the institution to which they are linked. The other members of the Jury will be responsible for that.

3.6 – APREN workers and their families cannot apply.

3.7 – Applications end at 23h59 of October 7, 2022.

3.8 – Regardless of the time limit mentioned, and for logistical reasons, APREN will accept a maximum of 15 doctoral theses and 30 master theses, closing applications when and if this number is reached.

3.9 – The application must be sent by email to APREN – The Portuguese Renewable Energy Association, to the email comunicacao@apren.pt, indicating in the subject "Application for the APREN Award 2022".

The following documentation must be attached:

- Two copies of the dissertation – one with information on the authors, educational establishment and supervisors, and the other without this type of references (APREN will ensure that the dissertations are sent anonymously to the Jury), in pdf format;
- Presentation of the thesis, according to the template available on the APREN website, which must correspond to a maximum duration of 10 minutes, in ppt or pptx format.

3.10 – The application email must also include:

In the subject, “Application for the 2022 APREN Award”;

- Name of the author of the dissertation;
- Photocopy of the candidate's Citizen Card;
- Address and telephone contact of the candidate;
- Title of the thesis, classification and respective completion date;
- Name of the educational institution and of the supervisor teacher(s).

3.11 – The submission of an application presupposes the full and unreserved acceptance of these Regulations.

Article 4 – Works’ selection and presentation process

4.1 – The responsibility of evaluating the applications rests exclusively with the Jury. The Jury will consider the following criteria:

- Potential and relevance of the topic;
- Technical and scientific robustness;
- Document quality;
- Quality of the submitted presentation;
- Quality of the oral presentation: before the final communication of the winners, to take place during the annual APREN conference, a selection of the best works will be made, whose authors will be invited to present them in person to the Jury.

4.2 – The Jury chosen by APREN for the 2022 edition is composed by:

- Professor Teresa Ponce de Leão, Faculty of Engineering of the University of Porto (President of the Jury);
- Professor Jorge Maia Alves, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisbon;
- Professor Edgar Fernandes, Instituto Superior Técnico;
- Award Sponsor Representative.

4.3 – The Jury's decisions are final and there is no room for any kind of appeal.

4.4 – APREN will inform candidates, until November 4, 2022, if their work has been selected for the face-to-face presentation phase before the Jury. The final winners are announced in a ceremony at the APREN annual conference.

Article 5 – Recognition and awards

5.1 – The selected candidates will have their theses displayed at the Portugal Renewable Energy Summit and must be present to answer questions from conference visitors during an hour that will be defined in the event's program.

5.2 – Selected candidates have free access to the two days of the Portugal Renewable Energy Summit.

5.2 – The prizes and honourable mentions will be announced during the Conference by the President of the Jury.

5.3 – The monetary value of the prizes will be:

- €2000 for the winning doctoral thesis.
- €1000 for the second-best doctoral thesis.
- €1500 for the winning master's thesis.
- €750 for the second-best master's thesis.

5.4 – Winners and candidates who receive honourable mentions will also be entitled to attend all events with paid admission that APREN organizes during 2023, including its annual conference.

5.5 – If the Jury considers that the submitted works are not of sufficient quality, the prizes and/or honourable mentions may not be awarded in whole or in part.

Article 6 - Rights

6.1 – APREN has the right to publicize the works submitted to the competition in the media that it deems appropriate, without having to request prior authorization and no copyright is required