



APREN 2023 AWARD

Regulation

Article 1 – Object

The APREN Award aims to distinguish the best master's (MSc) and doctoral (PhD) academic papers, written in Portuguese or English, about electricity from renewable sources, carried out in Portuguese universities.

The winning theses will be presented at a separate ceremony to be held in the first quarter of 2024.

Article 2 – Theme of the papers

2.1 – The theme of the theses must be related to "direct and indirect electrification based on renewable energies resources", namely in the areas of its production, distribution, management and regulation, market, and consumption, covering scientific, technological, and economic aspects that promote decarbonization in a sustainable way.

Article 3 - Applications

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

3.2 – Only the authors of theses completed, approved and graded between September 16, 2022 and October 31, 2023 by higher education institutions in Portugal may apply for the APREN 2023 Award.

3.3 – The topic should fall within the scope of what is described in section 2.1.

3.4 – Applications of theses already submitted in previous editions will not be accepted.

3.5 – The members of the Jury will not evaluate theses from the educational institution to which they are linked; this will be the responsibility of the other members of the Jury.

3.6 – APREN employees and their families are not allowed to apply.

3.7 – Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2023.



3.8 – Regardless of the time limit mentioned, APREN will accept a maximum of 15 doctoral thesis and 30 master's theses. The application submission will be closed if this number is reached.

3.9 – The application must be sent by email to APREN – Portuguese Renewable Energy Association, to the email comunicacao@apren.pt, under the subject "Application for the APREN 2023 Award".

The following documentation must be attached:

- **A copy of the paper** – in PDF format;
- **Presentation of the thesis**, which must correspond to a maximum duration of 10 min, in ppt or pptx format.
- **Curriculum Vitae**
- **Scientific Publications** (when applicable)

3.10 – The application e-mail must also include:

- In the subject, “Application for the APREN Award 2023”;
- Name of the author;
- Photocopy of the applicant's Citizen Card;
- Postal address and telephone number;
- Thesis title, grade and respective completion date;
- Name of the educational institution and of the teacher(s).

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

Article 4 - Selection process and presentation of papers

4.1 – The responsibility for evaluating applications lies exclusively with the Jury, consisting of personalities and chaired by one of its members, considering the following criteria:

- Topic potential and relevance;
- Technical and scientific robustness;
- Document quality;
- Quality of the submitted presentation;
- Quality of the oral presentation. Before the final communication of the winners a selection of the best papers will be made. The authors will be invited to present their papers in person to the Jury.

4.2 – The Jury chosen by APREN for the 2023 edition is composed of the following elements:

- Prof. Maria da Graça Carvalho, Instituto Superior Técnico (President of the Jury);



- Prof. Jorge Maia Alves, Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa;
- Prof. Edgar Fernandes, Instituto Superior Técnico;
- Prof. Patrícia Fortes, Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia da Universidade NOVA de Lisboa
- Prof. Bernardo Silva, Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto;
- Prof. Pedro Carvalho, Instituto Superior Técnico;
- Prof. Sofia Simões, Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia da Universidade NOVA de Lisboa.

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

4.4 – APREN will inform the applicants, until January 22, 2024, if their work has been selected for the presentation phase before the Jury. The jury will then decide which works will be presented at the award ceremony, where the final winners will be announced.

Article 5 - Recognition and awards

5.1 – The selected applicants have free access to APREN events held during the year 2024.

5.2 – The awards and honorable mentions will be announced during the award ceremony.

5.3 – The monetary value of the prizes will be:

- €2.000 for the winning PhD thesis.
- €1.000 for the second-best PhD thesis.
- €1.500 for the winning master's thesis.
- €750€ for the second-best master's thesis.

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

Article 6 – Rights over the papers

6.1 – APREN reserves the right to disseminate the papers submitted to the competition in the media it deems appropriate, without having to request prior authorization to the authors and without any copyright being required.