

APREN will award the best academic theses in the renewables sector

Applications for the APREN Award, established in 2015, are now open on the association's website.



[APREN – The Portuguese Renewable Energy Association](#) once again rewards the best master's and doctoral theses in the renewables field. The APREN Award, launched in 2015, is back to support the Academy and knowledge creation in the sector.

The subject of academic dissertations, which may be written in Portuguese or English, 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, financial, economic and other aspects that promote decarbonization in a sustainable way.

The winning works and the honourable mentions will be announced and presented at the Portugal Renewable Energy Summit 2022, APREN's annual conference, which will take place on the 16th and 17th of November at Culturgest's Grand Auditorium in Lisbon, and subsequently published on the website and social networks of the association.

The responsibility of evaluating the applications lies with the jury for the award, which was almost entirely renewed and includes recognized personalities from the sector and academia:

- 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.

“It is with great pleasure that APREN once again rewards excellence in 2022, distinguishing the best theses related to renewables. It is of increasing importance not only to support the creation of knowledge, but also to promote students' interest for the sector. It is expected that the sector will employ around 160 thousand people in Portugal in 2030, triple the number observed in

2020, so this is an area of the future that will need qualified professionals”, said Pedro Amaral Jorge, the CEO of APREN.

The evaluation will take into account the potential and relevance of the topic, the technical and scientific robustness, but also the quality of the document, the submitted presentation and the oral presentation to which candidates will be submitted already in a final phase.

The prize for the best doctoral thesis is worth €2000. The author of the second-best thesis receives €1000. The winning master's thesis has an associated prize of €1500 and the second-best dissertation will give access to a value of €750.

The complete regulation, which contains all the information necessary to complete the application, is available [on the APREN website](#).

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About APREN:

The Portuguese Renewable Energy Association (APREN) is a non-profit association founded in October 1988. Its mission is to coordinate and represent the common interests of its members, promoting renewables energies in the electricity field.

APREN works closely with the government and other official entities, both on a national and international levels. It participates actively in the definition of energy and environmental policies, valuing natural resources for electricity production, namely hydric, wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, biogas, and urban solid waste.