

SBE Master's dissertation award



Regulations 2025-2026

Art. 1

SBE intends to hand out an award for a master's dissertation that has led to a university degree of Master of Science in Engineering or Master of Science in Engineering Technology at the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture of Ghent University. The annual award is intended for a master's dissertation in various fields of engineering and engineering technology.

Art. 2

The SBE award is worth a fixed amount of 1,000 EUR.

Art. 3

In particular, master's dissertations that make an outstanding contribution to improving and innovating the following aspects of civil engineering are eligible, insofar as they can be related to the activities of SBE:

- the integrated design process;
- the construction process and construction methods;
- management and maintenance;
- building materials;
- sustainability and circularity;
- digitization.

SBE's activities are defined as follows: hydraulic and/or geotechnical structures, fixed or movable bridges, tunnels, industrial and/or functional structures, including their electromechanical installations. It also includes integrated water management, architectural and infrastructural design, environmental and landscape construction, mobility, and attention to ecology, sustainability, circularity, and climate resistance.

The SBE award is open to students in:

- Engineering: Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical and Electrical Systems Engineering, Ships and Marine Technology;
- Engineering Technology: Civil Engineering Technology, Electrical Engineering Technology, Electromechanical Engineering Technology;
- Engineering Architecture;
- Urbanism and Spatial Planning;

at the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture of Ghent University.

Art. 4

The master's dissertation must be nominated by (one of) the supervisor(s). To this end, they will submit a motivational report to the chair of the jury.

In this report, the supervisor(s) will explain why they believe the work is eligible for the SBE award. The report must be submitted to the chair of the jury before a date determined by the faculty in the year in which the prize in question is awarded.

Art. 5

The jury is composed as follows:

- chair: the dean of the faculty;
- at least 2 members of the independent academic staff of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, to be appointed annually by the dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture of Ghent University.

Art. 6

The jury assesses the submitted master's dissertations against the criteria of the SBE award and evaluates them in terms of quality. The jury nominates a maximum of three master's dissertations that it considers worthy of the award. It reports its decision to SBE in a jury report stating its reasons, and attaches a copy of the nominated master's dissertations and the accompanying motivational reports from the supervisor(s). Finally, SBE decides which one of the nominated master's dissertations will receive the award.

Art. 7

Only one master's dissertation can receive the award. In case the master's dissertation is the work of two students (duo thesis), the award and the prize money are shared between both students.

Art. 8

The award will be presented by a representative of SBE at the next formal proclamation ceremony of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.

Art. 9

The award winner(s) commits to produce a summary of the master's dissertation in English in a form suitable for publication, if SBE so wishes. The winner(s) acknowledge(s) that SBE may use this summary for communicational purposes with a clear mention of the winner's name.

Art. 10

SBE decides annually on the further awarding of the award.

Drawn up in Sint-Niklaas on June 19, 2026.

For SBE

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