

SLF Thesis Award 2025



**Best Bachelor
and Master thesis
in Service
Logistics**

The Service Logistics Forum (SLF) organizes its 17th SLF Thesis Award for the best Bachelor and Master thesis in service logistics. Are you currently graduating on a service logistics topic (or did you do so recently) and want to compete for this award? Read all the instructions below and send in your thesis before **September 28, 2025**.

The winner of the award will receive **€ 750,-** in cash
The runner-up will receive **€ 250,-** in cash

We consider service logistics as the direction of the overall after sales service: from production to delivery to the end of the product lifecycle. The challenge is to control the coherence of all elements in the service chain such as service technicians, spare parts, tools, repair centers, return and recycling depots etc. Within service logistics, we are dealing with design and control issues. In these questions we distinguish logistical, IT and organizational aspects.

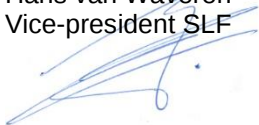
If you are interested and want to compete for the 17th SLF Thesis Award, read the attached regulations and send in your thesis together with the application form before September 28, 2025. The regulations and application form are enclosed with this announcement.

Out of the submissions, the SLF Thesis Award jury will nominate the best theses. The two finalists will present their thesis live during the SLF Service Leadership Summit at the end of November. The winner will be announced during this summit.

In addition to the official jury prize, there is also an audience prize. The audience of the summit votes who they think should be the winner.

The nominees and their company supervisors are welcome at the summit free of charge.

Hans van Waveren
Vice-president SLF



Attachment: Regulations SLF Thesis Award 2025 & Application form SLF Thesis Award 2025

Regulations SLF Thesis Award 2025

Objective

By awarding the SLF Thesis Award the SLF aims to value quality research in the field of service logistics and to encourage future high-quality work.

Participants

Participation is open to students who recently graduated from a Dutch or Belgian research university or a university of applied science. The thesis must address service logistics in the broadest sense.

Award

The SLF Thesis Award will annually be awarded to students (master/bachelor) who in the opinion of the jury meet best the criteria. The rated material includes the final report, and any additional information. If none of the theses are meeting the required standards, the jury may decide not to award any thesis. The award is € 750 in cash. The jury can also decide to make a honourable mention. The winner will receive the Thesis Award or honourable mention during the SLF Summit.

Presence

The participant must be physically present at the SLF Summit 2025 end of November to defend his/her thesis.

Criteria

The following criteria are important to the jury:

- The originality of the subject;
- The innovative character;
- The applicability of solutions in the service logistics domain.

When assessing these criteria, the bachelor or master level will be taken into account and the (nominal) duration of the research project.

Jury

The jury consists of:

- Representative(s) of the SLF board;
- Representative(s) of the scientific world;
- Representative(s) from the business;
- The winner of the SLF Thesis Award 2024.

The board of the SLF appoints the members of the jury and appoints a chairman. The jury is assisted by a secretary appointed by the SLF board. If necessary, the jury or a member can ask external experts.

Time Schedule

The following time schedule applies for the SLF Thesis Award 2025:

- The period in which the participants must have graduated is from April 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025. Here the official graduation date is decisive, i.e. the date shown on the diploma of which the graduation is performed;
- Participants must have sent in the completed and signed registration form and the thesis in pdf format before September 28, 2025 to: info@servicelogisticsforum.nl;
- All participants will receive notice from the secretary of the jury. The awards and/or honourable mentions will be awarded at the Service Logistics Summit 2025. There will be no correspondence about the results of the jury.

Application form SLF Thesis Award 2025

Undersigned wishes to participate in the SLF Thesis Award contest

Surname	
Initials	
First name	
Mailing address	
Phone number	
E-mail	
Date of Birth	
Gender	☐ Male ☐ Female
Bachelor or Master thesis	☐ Bachelor ☐ Master
Thesis title	
Duration of thesis project	Nominal months
Graduation date	
Educational institute	
Faculty/sector	
Field of study	
Name thesis supervisor	
Mailing address, phone number, e-mail address thesis supervisor	
Communication language	☐ Dutch ☐ English

The undersigned declares that he/she has completed this questionnaire truthfully

Date:

Signature:

Send the completed form along with the thesis (in pdf format) to: Info@servicelogisticsforum.nl