

Regulations SLF Thesis Award 2026

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 2026 November, 25 in Jaarbeurs Utrecht to defend his/her thesis.

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

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 2025.

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 2026:

- The period in which the participants must have graduated is from April 1, 2025 to September 15, 2026. 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 27, 2026 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 2026. There will be no correspondence about the results of the jury.