

**The Annual VLIZ North Sea Award is organized to recognize and reward outstanding marine scientific contributions.**

- Art. 1 The Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) awards a scientific prize to foster innovative fundamental or applied marine research.
- Art. 2 The prize will be awarded to a researcher or a research team.
- Art. 3 The prize amounts to 1 000 EUR and is indivisible. It will be granted to reward a recent and original scientific work on the structure, functioning and/or sustainable management of the coastal and marine ecosystem. All science disciplines and categories (alpha, beta and gamma) are eligible. The contribution has to be of postgraduate or postdoctoral level, referring to a maximum of three years of postdoctoral research since obtaining the PhD.
- Art. 4 An expert jury installed by the Governing Board of VLIZ - upon proposal of the Scientific Committee - will evaluate the contributions submitted. The submissions will be judged and evaluated based on the scientific content (high priority), societal relevance (medium priority), the study design (lower priority) and translatability to the wider audience (medium priority). The jury has the right to gather the advice of external experts.
- The jury advises the Governing Board, who grants the award. If none of the submitted contributions are deemed to be acceptable, the Board can decide not to attribute the award and to add the prize money to the next edition of the North Sea Award.
- Art. 5 Candidates must not have received any prior award for the contribution submitted.
- Art. 6 Candidates cannot submit the same contribution as in a previous year. A similar contribution by the same candidate will be accepted if sufficient amendments have been made to the previous contribution.
- Art. 7 Scientific contributions must contain a minimum of two published peer-reviewed articles.

- Art. 8 To be taken into consideration all candidates must do the following before the deadline of 31 December 2023:
- complete the registration form on [form.vliz.be/en/form/vliz-scientific-awards-2023](https://form.vliz.be/en/form/vliz-scientific-awards-2023)
  - attach the requested documents (obligatory):
    - the contribution;
    - a summary (max. 5 pages, in English);
    - the curriculum vitae of the author(s);
    - a communicative summary, i.e. a graphical abstract or poster (max. 1 page, in English).
- Art. 9 The award will be granted in January 2024. All candidates will be notified of the jury's decision prior to 15 February 2024.
- Art. 10 The award ceremony will take place at the VLIZ Marine Science Day on 6 March 2024. The laureate will present the prize-winning contribution at the meeting.
- Art. 11 The laureate agrees to write a popularized article based upon the rewarded contribution and grants permission to VLIZ to publish it, provided credit is given to the author(s).
- Art. 12 VLIZ is entitled to deposit all submitted contributions in its marine scientific library.
- Art. 13 Any problems or disputes that may arise with regard to participating in and granting of the VLIZ North Sea Award will be settled by the Governing Board of VLIZ. The candidates have no recourse against its decision and are not entitled to any remuneration.
- Art. 14 All participants must agree upon these regulations.

## CANDIDACIES

You can register your candidacy at [form.vliz.be/en/form/vliz-scientific-awards-2023](https://form.vliz.be/en/form/vliz-scientific-awards-2023)

Please bear in mind that your application can only be submitted if all mandatory fields are filled AND if you have attached all required documents (cf. article 8).

For technical assistance or further information, please contact the VLIZ-secretariat:

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