

Dr. Edouard Delcroix Incentive Award 2024

Regulations

- Art. 1 The Dr Edouard Delcroix Incentive Award is an international annual scientific prize which will be awarded to a researcher or a research team for an original scientific study on the links between oceans and human health. The Dr Edouard Delcroix Incentive Award will reward the work of an early career scientist. The aim of the award is to foster fundamental and applied scientific research which makes a significant contribution to:
- an improved understanding of the actual and potential health benefits from marine and coastal ecosystems, e.g. the “Blue Gym” effect, marine biodiscovery, thalassotherapy and functional revalidation in seawater;
 - a reduction in the burden of human diseases linked with marine environmental causes, e.g. harmful algal blooms and other biogenic toxins, eutrophication, transmission of pathogens and chemical pollutants and the impacts of human activities such as aquaculture.
- Art. 2 The award is financed by the non-profit association HYDRO whereas the non-profit association Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) is in charge of the practical organization. The non-profit associations HYDRO and VLIZ jointly award the prizes.
- Art. 3 All applications will be evaluated by a jury which consists of six members: three designated by HYDRO and three by the Scientific Committee of VLIZ, among them the president of this Committee who will perform as president of the jury. If necessary, the jury may call upon the advice of outside experts. The selection of the best application will be carried out by a majority of votes.
- Art. 4 The Dr Edouard Delcroix Incentive Award 2024 is reserved for master’s students from member countries of the Council of Europe who recently (2022 or later) obtained their master’s degree.
- Art. 5 The Dr Edouard Delcroix Incentive Award has a value of 2 500 EUR. The jury has the right to withhold the prizes, if it decides that none of the proposed studies can be taken into consideration.
- Art. 6 The researchers or research teams, whose work may qualify for the prizes, should submit to VLIZ through the [online participation form](#), a written scientific report, their curriculum vitae and a summary.
- The report may be written in Dutch, French or English and has to be preceded by an abstract in English of 3 pages maximum that can be published and be communicated to a broad audience.
- The form should be submitted to VLIZ no later than 1 January 2025. VLIZ will provide the members of the jury with a copy of the submitted documents.
- Art. 7 The winners will mention in their external communication (interviews, publications, social media) of their work the Dr Edouard Delcroix Incentive Award.
- Art. 8 The prizes will be awarded in February 2025.
- Art. 9 All participants agree upon these regulations. They have no recourse against the decision of the jury. Participants are not entitled to any remuneration.
- Art. 10 The non-profit associations HYDRO and VLIZ reserve the right to publish a synthesis of the prize-winning studies.

*Further information can be obtained with Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)
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