



## Jacques Delors Prize for Best Thesis

### Rules and Regulations for the 2016 Edition

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This prize is open to all Masters students at the College of Europe who accept the present rules and regulations, on the condition that the thesis deal with subjects relating to the European Project and be supported in part by documents present in the collection of the Jacques Delors Archives - Presidency of the European Commission (1984-1994).

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## 1. Objectives of the prize

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## 2. Eligibility conditions

Candidates must be students of the College of Europe in Bruges or Warsaw (Natolin).

- The subject of the thesis must deal with questions of the European Project.
- The work must mandatorily **use reference elements and/or analyses of documents present in the collection of the Jacques Delors Archives** – Presidency of the European Commission (1984-1994), the said archives being consultable at the College of Europe in Bruges and Natolin.
- The proposed thesis must mandatorily be a personal work carried out during the 2015-2016 academic year – theses written in preceding academic years are not eligible.
- The proposed thesis must have received a **minimum grade of 15/20** to be eligible for the Jacques Delors Prize for Best Thesis.
- The proposed thesis must be written in English or French.

## 3. Selection process and planning

To apply, students must submit their thesis along with a summary (choice of French or English) of four pages maximum:

- Submission of thesis and summary before **15 mai 2016 at the latest**.
- Digital version sent to the following address: [prize@delorsinstitute.eu](mailto:prize@delorsinstitute.eu) with « Prix Jacques Delors » in the subject line, followed by given name and surname.

Any application received after the deadline will not be considered by the jury.

#### 4. Delivery of the Jacques Delors Prize for Best Thesis

The winner of the Jacques Delors Prize will be awarded during the College of Europe's end-of-year ceremony:

- **A prize** of a sum of 1 000 euros ;
- **Promotion of the thesis: mention and article** on the website of the Jacques Delors Institute and **publication** in the form of a **policy paper** distributed by the Jacques Delors Institute's network.
- **End-of-year internship** - an opportunity to participate in the activities of the Jacques Delors Institute for a period of 6 months - possibility to choose between the **Berlin** and **Paris** offices.

The jury reserves the right to withhold the prize if no thesis seems to deserve it.

#### 5. Jury and confidentiality clause

Le jury of the Jacques Delors Prize for Best Thesis, headed by Yves Bertoncini, Director of the Jacques Delors Institute, is composed of researchers on European questions, specialists on the history of the European Project, and representatives of the Jacques Delors Institute. The jury selects works based on their innovative nature, but also on their value in shedding light on current questions through historic evidence: the archives.

The jury will meet as many times as it deems necessary, and in the conditions that it judges fit. Its deliberations will take place behind closed doors and no record will be available. Its decisions will not require justification and cannot be appealed. At the end of this consultation phase, one thesis will receive the Jacques Delors Prize for Best Thesis.

The members of the jury agree to and sign a confidentiality clause, pledging not to divulge:

- Any content of any of the theses received, except in a case of written consent by the author of the thesis.
- Any of the exchanges brought about during the selection process.

#### 6. Authorisation to publish the winning thesis

The author of the winning thesis authorises, with the exception of truly confidential sections, the Jacques Delors Institute to freely use the said work in part or in whole in their publications and/or their communications, with the sole obligation of citing the source: the author's name and the name of his or her academic institution.

#### 7. Communication of the results

In participating in the prize, the candidates agree to have the following communicated in case of their victory:

their surname and family name; the subject of their thesis; the photos and videos taken during the defense and/or during the awarding of the prize or any other image relating to their work.