

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SESAR 3 JU Prize for SESAR Young Scientist Award 2024 REF. SJU/LC/019-CNT

N°	Subject	Reference in documents	Questions	Answers
1	Eligibility criteria	Section 2 of Contest Rules	If I submit my thesis for defense in July and provide a certificate stating that the thesis has been submitted and that the defense is scheduled for the first week of September, would my application be eligible? I will be having my title before SESAR Innovation Days.	Regarding eligibility to apply for the award within the PhD category, please refer to Section 2 to the YSA Contest Rules 2024, where at page 5 it is stipulated that the Young Scientist must have defended their PhD thesis “not more than 18 months before the date of closure of the present Contest.” Hence, by the deadline for submitting the application, one must have already defended their thesis in order to be eligible. If one is defending their PhD thesis the first week of September, i.e., after the deadline for submitting applications (21 August 2024, 24:00 CET), they will be ineligible to apply. The application would, however, be eligible for the 2025 edition of the contest.
2	Submission requirements	Section 3 of Contest Rules	In Appendix A, part 1C, do I attach one link to all the documents? And then in the table I name the different documents? Or how do I proceed?	<p>Please refer to Section 3.2 of the Contest Rules regarding the submission requirements. In particular, it is stipulated that <i>“the table under Appendix A, part 1C, must contain clear references to the source containing all the documents (i.e. thesis, articles, abstracts, presentations, etc) listed in the application, from which the Evaluation Panel can retrieve such information. Only supporting documents expressly and correctly referenced in the Application form will be considered by the Evaluation Panel for their evaluation of each criterion.”</i></p> <p>Furthermore, please note that: <i>“The application email should be named as follows: YSA2024 Surname Name – Application. Each enclosed document should be named as follows: YSA2024_Surname_Name_Number of the attachment.”</i></p> <p>Therefore, as long as you comply with above requirements and as such ensure the readability, traceability and proper access to your application for the Evaluation Panel, you are free to choose how you would like to proceed.</p>

3	Submission requirements NEW	Section 3 of Contest Rules	<p>In the YSA Contest Rules .pdf file it is stated that I should provide a “Copy of diplomas/student certificates”. However, although I got my PhD in April 2024, I will likely receive the official certification (diploma) in a few years time. As stated by the PhD office of my university, at the moment I can only provide some sort of auto-certification (signed by me) attesting that I received my PhD.</p> <p>Would that be considered valid to participate in the contest?</p>	<p>The mentioned documents serve as evidence, in particular, for applicants’ compliance with eligibility criteria, i.e. in accordance to Section 4.1 of the Contest Rules the following evidence shall be submitted:</p> <p><i>“Copy of any original document (e.g. diploma, certificate, declaration from the university, etc) proving that the Applicant falls into one of the categories. <u>Date of the thesis defence shall be clearly identifiable from the submitted documents.</u>”</i></p> <p>Therefore, in case a formal diploma/certificate is not yet available, this shall be clearly stated in the application and, instead, the applicant is invited to submit another official document, which would serve as proof that the applicant complies with the requirements.</p>
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