



## UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

### FERNAND COLLIN PRIZE

#### Regulations

##### **Article 1**

A bi-annual prize is herewith established under the name “Fernand Collin Prize” (hereinafter: “the Prize”). The Prize, of a value of Eur 7 500, aims to encourage researchers whose work makes an original and significant contribution to legal scholarship, in particular legal scholarship with a comparative, European, international and/or interdisciplinary dimension. The work must be the result of a doctoral research which has been publicly defended as a doctoral thesis at a Flemish university or the result of another research project carried out in a Flemish university. The work must be written in English.

##### **Article 2**

In order to be eligible for the Prize, a work needs to be written by an author who, on 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year in which the Prize is awarded, has not reached the age of 40 years.

Only works which have been published in the two years preceding the year in which the Prize is awarded, are eligible. “Published” is meant to be available in a definitive format with the publisher.

Doctoral theses which have not yet been published, are eligible when they have been publicly defended in the two years preceding the year in which the Prize is awarded. Doctoral theses, whether published or not, which have not yet been publicly defended during that period, are not eligible.

##### **Article 3**

The Prize is awarded after deliberation by a jury consisting of at least five members. New jury members are co-opted by the members who, at the time of the co-optation, are sitting members of the jury.

A majority of the jury members must be affiliated as a professor with a Flemish university. Other jury members may be national, European or international magistrates, or senior staff members at the legal service of national, European or international organizations

The members of the jury shall elect their president for a renewable term of four years.

##### **Article 4**

Applications for the Prize shall be proposed by a professor affiliated with a Faculty of Law at a Flemish university. If the work is the result of a doctoral thesis, the proposal should come from the supervisor and / or co-supervisor of the doctoral thesis, or from a member of the doctoral jury.

The work must be deposited in three copies at the Secretariat of the University Foundation, Rue Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels, at the latest on 15 January of the year in which the Prize is awarded.

The jury may postpone in advance the ultimate date for applications by no more than three months.

The Secretariat of the University Foundation shall publicize and disseminate each edition of the Prize, including through sending information on the Prize to the Deans of the Faculties of Law of Flemish universities.

#### **Article 5**

In assessing the works that have been proposed for the Prize, the jury shall take into account:

1. The scientific value of the work
2. The originality of the work
3. The contribution of the work to legal scholarship in Flanders, in particular legal scholarship with a comparative, European, international and/or interdisciplinary dimension
4. The importance of the work for legal professions in the broadest sense.

The jury may decide to award the Prize to one or more candidates. In such case the amount of the Prize mentioned in Article 1 will be split equally among the candidates.

Should the jury decide that none of the proposed works satisfies the requirements of the Prize, the Prize shall not be awarded for the two-year period in question. In such case the amount foreseen for the Prize remains with the treasury of the Fund of the Fernand Collin Prize.

#### **Article 6**

The members of the jury shall vote anonymously. The members shall not abstain from the vote.

The candidate who obtains an absolute majority (i.e. half of the number of votes plus one) shall be awarded the Prize.

If none of the candidates obtains an absolute majority (i.e. half of the number of votes plus one) the Prize shall be awarded to the candidate who obtains a relative majority in the second voting round.

The jury may meet through any means of communication. It can only deliberate and decide if at least a majority of the jury members participate effectively in the meeting.

#### **Article 7**

The Prize shall be awarded to the winning candidate in a public session.

#### **Article 8**

The winner of the Prize shall be authorized to mention on the work "Winner of the Fernand Collin Prize".

#### **Article 9**

A winner of the Prize, including the Collin Prize for works in Dutch, cannot be a candidate for another edition of the Prize.

#### **Article 10**

All documents, votes, deliberations and reports regarding the Prize shall be kept strictly confidential.