



## 2024 NECTAR PhD AWARD

In many NECTAR meetings, workshops and conferences, PhD students present and discuss their work. To recognize the high quality of the research conducted by the best of the PhD students supervised by NECTAR members, NECTAR awards a PhD award at its international Conference. The first award was given at the 2015 international conference in Ann Arbor, USA. The PhD award is established in memory of Professor Piet Rietveld, who chaired NECTAR in the years 2002-2007 and who with his exceptional academic abilities inspired and stimulated many young researchers, PhD students and the NECTAR community in general.

The 5<sup>th</sup> NECTAR PhD award will consider PhD theses written in English which have been or will be defended between July 2022 and June 2024. We will also consider submissions consisting of sets of journal papers which are to be included in a future thesis, and which are representative for its quality. PhD thesis work can be submitted only by a supervisor who should be a NECTAR member (i.e. 2023 and 2024 membership is paid).

To be considered, the PhD thesis should be in the general realm of NECTAR research, including topics from the fields of regional and urban economics, transport economics, urban/regional planning, transport planning and transport engineering. The PhD thesis should relate to one or more of the NECTAR cluster theme's: transport infrastructure impacts and evaluation, transport policy and environment, logistics and freight, travel, migration and labour market linkages, accessibility, transport, tourism, recreation and leisure, transport related social and health issues, and transport and information and communication technologies.

Dissertations will be judged by a Committee comprising of former and present NECTAR Presidents, and a selection of the current NECTAR cluster co-chairs. The chair of the 2024 NECTAR PhD Award committee is Professor Juan Carlos Martín Universidad de Las Palmas, Spain (NECTAR vice-chair).



The author of the winning paper will be invited present the research at the plenary closing session of the NECTAR conference in Brussels, July 3-5, 2024. The winning author will receive reimbursement for travel and accommodation cost for the conference, and NECTAR membership for two years. PhD supervisors should make sure the nominated PhD student is willing and able to attend the conference.

Criteria for assessment are scientific quality, originality of contribution to knowledge within the NECTAR field of research, societal relevance and writing/presentation.

PhD supervisors who wish to nominate a PhD thesis for the NECTAR PhD Award should send (a) a nomination letter explaining why the PhD thesis is nominated, (b) an electronic copy of the summary of the thesis in PDF format and (c) the completed or draft PhD thesis in PDF format. The submission deadline is February 29, 2024. The nominations should be sent to the NECTAR secretariat (Ana Condeço-Melhorado) at [nectar.secretariat@gmail.com](mailto:nectar.secretariat@gmail.com).

The winner of the 2024 NECTAR PhD award will be announced at the end of April 2024.

We look forward to receiving the nominations for the NECTAR PhD award!

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Prof. dr. Juan Carlos Martín, NECTAR vice-chair and Chair of the 2024 NECTAR PhD Award, Universidad de Las Palmas, Spain

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