



Thesis regulations

Article 1

The IHLIA Thesis Prize is a biannual thesis prize for the best Dutch or Flemish master thesis with a LGBTQI+ historical subject at university level. The award ceremony will take place during Queer History Month (in March), with the third ceremony taking place in 2026. The prize amounts to €750 and a published article in the historical journal *Historica*. The prize is awarded by IHLIA LGBTI Heritage (hereafter IHLIA) and serves to stimulate academic research into LGBTQI+ history.

Article 2

Eligible for the prize are master's students and recent graduates of Dutch and Flemish universities who have successfully completed their thesis in the two years preceding the submission deadline. The authors of the thesis do not have to be historians, as long as the thesis has a historical subject.

Article 3

To participate in the thesis prize, the thesis has to be submitted anonymously via the IHLIA website. This means that the theses will be stripped of the author's name, the university's name and the name of the assessing lecturer or professor. The student also encloses an official document stating the grade awarded. Entries submitted after the deadline set by IHLIA are excluded from participation. IHLIA takes responsibility for sending the theses to the jury and will also be responsible for communication with the participants and the jury. Employees of IHLIA are excluded from participating in the thesis prize.

Article 4

The submitted theses must concern a subject in the field of LGBTQI+ history. They should also consist of academic/scientific or sound practical research, involving original research, source criticism, a justification of statements in footnotes, an overview of used sources, and should demonstrate knowledge of previous research. In addition, the thesis has to add something to existing literature and research by expressing an original and clear view or by offering new insights. The thesis must have been graded with at least an 7,5 (NL) or a 15 (BE) and must be written in Dutch or in English.

Article 5

The submitted theses will be evaluated by a jury of four. The result will not be the subject of correspondence.

Article 6



The organisation reserves the right to cancel or postpone awarding the thesis prize when there are too few entries.

Article 7

When the author submits the thesis, IHLIA acquires the right to publish the submitted thesis or a summary thereof and to use it for publications, stating the source.

Article 8

Should these regulations not suffice, the organisation of the IHLIA Thesis Prize, i.e. IHLIA, will decide in consultation with other parties involved, for example with the jury members and any partner organisations.

Jury regulations

Article 1

The jury is appointed by IHLIA LGBTI Heritage in Amsterdam. The jury consists of four persons coming from the scientific or social field related to LGBTQI+ research.

Article 2

A pre-selection of nominees will be made from the entries under the responsibility of the jury. All entries will be submitted to the jury for assessment.

Article 3

To guarantee the independence of the jury, the copies of the theses that will be assessed by the jury will be stripped of the name of the author, the university and, if necessary, the name of the assessing lecturer or professor.

Article 4

The jury has the task of assessing the theses and making a recommendation for the granting of the prize to the IHLIA Board. The jury will decide by a majority of votes. In the event of a tie, the IHLIA LGBTI Heritage board chair will cast the deciding vote.

Article 5



The members of the jury are bound by the Academy's Code of Conduct on Conflicts of Interest Awards, Memberships and Grants of The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Article 6

The discussions of the jury will be secret. The jury will draw up a written report motivating its choice of the winner.

Article 7

The jury has the right not to award the IHLIA Thesis Prize in case of an insufficient number of entries and/or an insufficient quality of the entries.

Participants are deemed to be aware of these regulations and to agree with their content.