

## 2020 VPHi-InSilicoTrials PhD Thesis Award in In Silico Medicine for potential application in industrial R&D

### Rules and submission guidelines

InSilicoTrials, industrial member of the Avicenna Alliance, in collaboration with the VPH Institute will assign the “**2020 VPHi-InSilicoTrials PhD Thesis Award in In Silico Medicine for potential application in industrial R&D**”. Thanks to the support of InSilicoTrials, this initiative, instituted for the first time in occasion of the VPH2018 conference in Zaragoza, has now been consolidated as a permanent annual initiative. Its goal is to reward individuals for outstanding achievements during their PhD thesis. In particular, this award aims to encourage young researchers to think about the translational potential of their research, like:

- addressable market
- product development phase that would benefit from the model/simulation
- IP ownership
- patentability
- industrial use readiness

As this award is focused on stimulating researchers to start thinking about translation, projects that have already successfully made the step to translation (as evidenced by e.g. being (partly) funded by industry, spin-off activities started etc) are not eligible for the award. The award consists of a money price of **1.000 €**. The winner will also be invited to give a lecture at the upcoming **VPH2020 Conference**, that will be held from the 26th to the 28th of August in Paris (France). Full information can be found here: <https://vph2020.sciencesconf.org/>  
An ad hoc award committee, composed by both academia and industry representatives, will be established to evaluate the submitted work.

### Participation rules:

Only theses defended between 1/1/2019 and 31/12/2019 and not yet having started the translational work will be considered for the award. Each participant will have to submit:

- A 4-page curriculum vitae
- A full overview of publications (journal, conference etc.)
- A recommendation letter by the student's supervisor detailing why the applicant is a deserving candidate
- A 2-page research summary including
  - Scientific question addressed in PhD
  - Technologies used/developed
  - The most important research results
  - Novelty
  - Impact
  - Future steps
- A 1 page summary that describes in detail the translational aspects of the research work

- The PhD diploma in pdf format (or a certificate if the diploma has not yet been delivered)
- A pdf document of the complete final PhD thesis (max 10 MB).

This information will have to be sent by email to: [manager@vph-institute.org](mailto:manager@vph-institute.org). Please name all your documents: **lastname\_name\_initial\_documentname.pdf**

In case the number of received submissions will not be sufficient, the committee could decide not to assign the award.

### **Are you a VPHi student member?**

You are considered a rightful student member, if you:

- Are affiliated to either an ordinary or a supporting member. Please check if your institution is in the list:
  - o [www.vph-institute.org/membership/ordinary.html](http://www.vph-institute.org/membership/ordinary.html)
  - o [www.vph-institute.org/membership/supporting.html](http://www.vph-institute.org/membership/supporting.html).
- Have already applied for a student membership. Your name in this case should appear here: [www.vph-institute.org/membership/student.html](http://www.vph-institute.org/membership/student.html)

**If you are not a member yet and you wish to apply now**, the VPHi student membership comes at a symbolic cost of 10 € per year. Please fill up this form to process your application: <http://www.vph-institute.org/register.html>

For any further questions, please contact [manager@vph-institute.org](mailto:manager@vph-institute.org).

### **Deadline:**

The application should be sent by **30 April 2020**