

## KNCV PRICE POLYMER CHEMISTRY / TECHNOLOGY 2025

The board of the KNCV section macromolecules has set up the Challa Polymer Chemistry / Technology prize. This exists since 2013 and is awarded every two years to a young chemist (man or woman) for high-level research in the field of polymer chemistry / technology.

The prize consists of a certificate and a sum of money of 1500 euros, and this prize is donated by prof. dr. Ger Challa. The prize is intended for the author of the best dissertation or of other scientific publications (or a series of them), which are industrially relevant and are of comparable value to a dissertation in the field of polymer chemistry / technology. The dissertation must have been successfully defended at a Dutch university during the last 2 years (December 11, 2022-December 10, 2024). The scientific publications should also have been published for the majority in the last 2 years. The dissertation or the publications should in principle have been granted before the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the candidate, unless there is demonstrable delay caused by, for example, long-term illness, parenting, obligatory military service etc.

Young Dutch nationals are eligible for the prize, as well as non-Dutch people who have done their research in the Netherlands.

For the year 2025, Professor dr. Francesco Picchioni will act as the chair and Associate Professor dr. Katrien Bernaerts will act as the secretary of the selection committee. The Selection Committee can invite experts to give a written advice on the contributions of the candidates.

The aim is to award the prize during the EPF2025 from 22-27 juni 2025 in Groningen.

### **Proposal of candidates**

Each professor can propose maximum one candidate. Professors are asked to submit the name of the candidate, a short written argumentation (half an A4) about the candidacy, a short CV of the candidate, a list of publications (or the PhD manuscript), a list of patents and a list of invited oral presentations, as well as the names of two referees. The publications or the PhD manuscript should be sent as hardcopies in four-fold. If requested, the PhD manuscripts can be sent back to the candidate after evaluation. The full dossier should be sent to the secretary of the Selection Committee, the latest by **December 12, 2024**:

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The envelope must be labeled with the word "Confidential". The candidacy will be treated confidentially, especially with regard to the candidate.

On behalf of the KNCV prize committee  
Polymer chemistry / technology 2025,  
Associate Professor Dr. Katrien Bernaerts