



DAIDA foundation **Global Urban Thesis Award**



The annual DAIDA foundation Global Urban Thesis Award aims to acknowledge and support master graduates who, through their work, help improve the urban infrastructure and living conditions for vulnerable groups in the rapidly growing cities of developing economies.

Do your university programmes have an urban/environmental research and/or design component?

If so, your students are eligible to submit a thesis for the DAIDA foundation Global Urban Thesis Award. Theses submitted during the academic years 2019-2020 and 2018-2019 are eligible.

2020 Theme

The theme for 2020 is Water and Development. We specifically encourage theses on water supply, flooding and/or drought related to urban vulnerable groups in the developing world to apply. The thesis must also link to one or more of the selected SDG targets for this award.

How to participate

Indicate your interest as a university study programme by filling in this form by the 31st of March 2020. We will provide you with an application form for the award to be , which you then distribute to the student and academic bodies. You will select the best three theses and send their applications to us. These students become part of the global finalists of the DAIDA foundation Global Urban Thesis Award.

Selection procedure

Universities that wish to participate and disseminate the call for submissions of this award among their students, must express their interest via e-mail to ihs@ihs.nl before the **31st of March**.

Within a few days, you will receive a promotional kit, which includes:

- The call for submissions & application form
- A digital flyer with all important information
- A sample text to be used in e-mails/blog articles or social media to disseminate the call

Before the final thesis submission deadline for the award, the students must submit the following items:

- an abstract of their thesis
- a completed application form
- a short proposal for a follow-up project* (optional)

*This follow-up project can be a research project or an applied project. Students without a follow-up proposal are only eligible for the 2nd or 3rd prize.

The university study programme subsequently selects the best 3 applications and submits those applications to the DAIDA Award team before the 15th of October 2020.

The DAIDA Award committee will select the winners and announce them in November 2020.

The Prizes

1st Prize: €11,000

Please note: €6000 will be awarded for the best thesis and €5000 for a follow-up [research] project

2nd Prize: €5000

3rd Prize: €4000

Find out more about the prioritised SDG targets and selection criteria for this award at www.ihs.nl/en/daida