NVK-SPII Thesis Award 2025

Recognizing outstanding research in pediatric infectious diseases and immunology.



What is the NVK SPII Thesis Award?

The NVK SPII (Dutch Pediatric Association – section Pediatric Infectious Diseases & Immunology) Thesis Award recognizes outstanding research in pediatric infectious diseases and immunology.

The thesis award includes a SPII personal prize of €2.000 to support the recipient's career; moreover, this year an audience award of € 1.000 (donated by Stichting Infecties bij Kinderen) will be awarded after the thesis presentations.

The 4 best nominees will be invited to present their work at the SPII Symposium '*From Microbe to Mucosa*' on Friday November 7, Quinton House in Utrecht (13.30-17.00 pm).

Who Can Apply?

Researchers (and/or PhD graduates) with a PhD in pediatric infectious diseases & immunology, obtained after October 1, 2023, who have never applied before, are eligible to apply. The thesis can cover any topic related to pediatric infectious diseases & immunology, including but not limited to clinical infectious diseases, medical microbiology, vaccinology, immunology, immune deficiencies, and genetics. Applicants should have the ambition to become leading researchers in their field.

How to apply?

Please send the following to the SPII scientific committee via <u>a.vanzundert@erasmusmc.nl</u> (subject SPII thesis awards application) before October 13, 2025:

- Thesis (pdf format)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Short summary of the importance of your thesis for the field of pediatric infectious diseases and immunology including a statement on the next steps in your scientific career after having obtained a PhD degree (max. 200 words)

Selection procedure

The selection committee consists of members of the SPII Scientific Committee and an external member. The selection committee will evaluate all applications to select the recipient of the NVK SPII Thesis Award 2025, which will be awarded on November 7 in Utrecht (attendance required).