

## Rules Jong KNCV Spotlight prize

### General:

- The Jong KNCV Spotlight prize is a competition for PhD students in chemistry, life science and process technology. Participation is exclusively for PhD students with a clear connection to the Netherlands. Hence, Dutch PhD students can participate in their native language, or they could choose for English instead. Foreign PhD student who do their research at a Dutch institute can participate in Dutch or English.
- To enter the first round, a short video pitch should be made. This video should fit the following criteria:
  - The video has a length of a maximum of 60 seconds.
  - The video should be an original recording: it should be specifically made for this competition. Re-using an old video is not allowed.
- The participant is available during the 'Avond van de Chemie'.
- There can only be one winner. The winner receives 500 euro and a trophy.
- The Spotlight prize winners from earlier editions are excluded from participation. Participants and finalists from earlier years are welcome to participate again, as long as they are still PhD students and are able to make a new video for the first round.

### Judging of the first round

- Jong KNCV will form a jury and the names of the jury members will be shared on their website.
- Each jury member will have a look at all videos and will independently make a top five of the best videos (nr. 1: 5 points, nr. 2: 4 points, nr. 3: 3 points, nr. 4: 2 points and nr. 5: 1 point).
- Once the points of all jury members are summed up, a top five will form, of which only the top three gets the opportunity to pitch live during the 'Avond van de Chemie'. In case it is not possible to form a top three due to an equal amount of points, the jury members will vote once again between the videos with an equal amount of points.
- The jury members receive the following guidelines for judging:
  - 1) Does the pitch make me curious and enthusiastic so I want to hear more about the subject?
  - 2) Is the participant able to translate his/her research to a broad chemical audience?
  - 3) Can the participant explain why his/her research is important?
  - 4) Did the participant manage to tell a story within the maximum time of 60 seconds?
- All participants will receive the results of the first round by email. Shortly after, the names of the finalists will be shared via the social channels of Jong KNCV.
- Jong KNCV will not share or reveal the given points and jury evaluation.
- In case a situation occurs in which the integrity of the competition is distrusted and the rules are inconclusive, the jury will determine how to proceed.

### The finals during the 'Avond van de Chemie':

- The pitches during the 'Avond van de Chemie' are live and should not take longer than 3 minutes each.
- The finalists can bring one object (that they can carry themselves) on stage to support their pitch;
- The order of pitches is determined in advance via a draw;
- In case a finalist cannot come, the next person in the jury rankings will take over the finalist's spot;
- The audience of the 'Avond van de Chemie' will choose the winner. The judgement of the jury made during the first round is no longer relevant and all finalists start off equal again. Also in case one (or more) of the three finalists has been replaced, all finalists have an equal chance to win;
- In case special circumstances (such as a pandemic) complicate the organization of a live event, the organization will find a fitting solution for the Spotlight prize final.