

FUTURE PROEF AWARD

CRITERIA FOR FINAL ASSOCIATE'S WORK OR PROJECT

The jury will take into account the **criteria** below when assessing the final thesis or project. It is not necessary to meet all the criteria to have a chance of winning the Future Proef Award.

Please use the questions accompanying the assessment criteria as a guide when completing your **justification form**.

1. BROAD VIEW ON SUSTAINABILITY

The jury of the Future Proef Award will evaluate to what extent you demonstrate a **broad view on sustainability** in your research or project. This broad view is also referred to as 'systems view'.

The following questions can help you to develop and demonstrate a systems view in your work. However, it is not mandatory to cover all these questions.

Don't hesitate to get inspired by existing **sustainability models**. A selection of some interesting models can be found via the [inspiration page](#) on the website.

Use the following questions as guidance for your justification:

- Did you focus on a **sustainability challenge** during your final project, or was sustainability a guiding principle in carrying out your final project?
- Did you pay attention to the **ecological** (for our planet), **economic** (for our prosperity), and/or **social** (for people) dimensions of your topic during your final project? Is the action, product, or mindset environmentally responsible, socially just, and contributing to long-term economic prosperity?
- Did you establish **connections** with relevant stakeholders? Did you engage in dialogue or collaborate with them? Did you try to understand and contextualize their perspectives on sustainability, their interests, and values?



2. IMPACT ON SOCIETY

The Future Proef Award jury will evaluate the potential positive impact of you/your final thesis or final project on **society**.

The following questions can help you to develop and demonstrate the (potential) impact of your work. However, it is not mandatory to cover all these questions.

Use the following questions as guidance for your justification:

- How can your work benefit **society**? What important **sustainability challenges** does your work address or provide a potential solution to? What **specific sustainability effects** could your work contribute to, both directly and indirectly? You can take direct actions that directly contribute to sustainability or the sustainability challenge, as well as indirect actions that influence others.
- Does your final project address a **question/need from a stakeholder** in the field? Did you **collaborate** with this stakeholder and/or will the end result be used by them?
- During your final project, did you gain **insights** into your **own values and emotions**, as well as the **role** you would like to play in society in the future based on the results of your final project?

3. CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

The Future Proef Award jury will assess to what extent you/your final thesis or project contributes to innovation for sustainability.

The following questions can help you to develop and demonstrate the level of **creativity and innovation** in your work. However, it is not mandatory to cover all these questions.

Use the following questions as guidance for your justification:

- Have you thought about what a **sustainable future** could look like and how you could contribute to it?
- In your final project, did you **apply existing sustainable knowledge and innovations** from your sector?
- Did you consider **innovative elements** in your final project that could contribute to sustainability? This could involve new tangible products or processes, as well as new insights, ideas, or concepts.

