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Introduction

As part of AIQS Alumni's commitment to promoting the progress of science for the benefit of society, the Father Salvador Gil SJ Awards were created in 1959 to honour the memory of Father Salvador Gil, SJ (1890-1958).

Father Salvador Gil SJ was a member of the first IQS class (Class of 1919); he obtained a doctorate in chemical sciences from the Catholic University of Fribourg (Switzerland), served as the Director of IQS for twenty-three years starting in 1934, and later assumed the leadership of AIQS Alumni and the Afinidad magazine until 1958.

He is credited with being the creator of the Modern IQS, but he is primarily remembered as a driving force behind IQS and a person with a unique personality, exceptional generosity, and visionary outlook.

The main objective of the awards is to stimulate interest in research and promote the development of research work of high scientific value.

Purpose of the call

AIQS Alumni is pleased to announce the 59th edition of the Father Salvador Gil Awards for Master Theses written by students in the IQS School of Engineering who have defended their Master Thesis during the 2022-2023 academic year.

The award is announced in 2 different categories, each with the following prizes:

IQS School of Engineering

- Prize for the Best Master Thesis in Engineering
 - Prize for the Best Master Thesis in Science and Bioscience
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Requirements

To participate

- Be a student in an **IQS master's** programme and have carried out the thesis individually.
- Have defended the master thesis during the 2022-23 academic year (deadline 30 September 2023).

For the thesis

- The thesis must be original and accepted by the IQS deans.
- The content of the thesis is the responsibility of the respective authors, regarding the rights to images, sensitive data, and personal data that may be included.

By submitting their work for these awards, candidates accept these terms and conditions.

Incompatibilities

Members of the Board of Directors of the Association and members of the selection committee are not eligible to participate.

Submission of Theses

Candidates must submit their [applications electronically](#) by filling out the application form and attaching the work in PDF format.

Submissions will be accepted from the date of publication of these terms and conditions until **3 November 2023**, provided that the

thesis has been accepted as a Master Thesis.

The application form will be available on the [Campus IQS](#).

Deadlines

3 November 2023	Submission deadline
20 November 2023	Evaluation of accepted theses
24 November 2023	OGA Announcement of winners
March 2024	Awards ceremony during the Alumni Welcome Party

Selection committee

The vice president of the AIQS Alumni Board of Directors, who will act as the chairperson of the committee, will appoint a selection committee for the candidate theses, proposed by the deans of the IQS School of Engineering and the IQS School of Management, after the deadline for submission has ended.

The Committee will be formed by experts in each category who work in fields related to one of the categories.

Tutors, supervisors, or joint supervisors of the candidates' theses cannot form part of this committee.

The committee members will evaluate the quality of each thesis according to the following criteria:

- Fulfilment of initially set objectives
- Work methodology and innovative approach
- Tasks carried out by the candidate
- Rigour
- Quality of writing
- Contributions of the thesis to science, industry, or the business sector.

Evaluation of Master Thesis Candidates for Awards

The members of the Committee will fill out an evaluation form for each thesis, and the final grade of the Master Thesis may be requested from the IQS Registrar, whenever deemed appropriate.

The Committee may declare the award for a particular category as void if it deems that no thesis has been submitted or if the quality of the submitted theses is not considered sufficient. The decision of the Committee will be final and cannot be appealed.

Announcement and Delivery of Awards

Announcement of the winners

The Chairperson of the Committee may call for an initial meeting in early November to assign the evaluator(s) for each of the Master Thesis candidates. In any case, a second meeting will be held in the second half of November for the Committee to decide on the deserving candidate for the Father Salvador Gil SJ Award in each of the categories. The decision of the Committee will be final and cannot be appealed.

The Chairperson of the Committee must inform the Board of Directors of the Association, no later than **20 November 2023**, of the decision made by the Committee regarding the winners of the Awards.

The decision made by the selection Committee will be made public during the **Ordinary General Assembly of AIQS Alumni on 24 November**.

The Father Salvador Gil Award will be presented for the best work in each of the 2 categories and will consist of €1,000, an accrediting diploma, and two years of free Premium membership in AIQS Alumni for the author to take advantage of the group's services and benefits.

AIQS Alumni will interview the award-winning individuals and their Master Thesis supervisors for an article that will be published, along with their photographs, on the AIQS Alumni website and in the AIQS News magazine.

Award ceremony

The accrediting diploma and prize money will be presented to the winning individuals at the Alumni Welcome Party in March 2024.

The awards must be collected by the winning candidates themselves or by an authorized representative.

