

Key Steps of the BiR&D Master of Science Thesis Programme

<p>February 2010</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Call launch</p>	<p>Pre-launch at raising awareness event, followed by effective launch via website www.birdbelgium.com</p>
<p>March 2010 – May 2010</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Projects preparation by students and supervisors</p>	<p>A period of 12 weeks is foreseen to allow the students of the different faculties and possibly universities to prepare the proposals together with their supervisors.</p>
<p>31st of May, 2010</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Submission deadline</p>	<p>The submissions can be done only in electronic version pdf version to the website www.birdbelgium.com, signed by coordinating professor, deadline 31 May 2010.</p>
<p>May 2010 – September 2010</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jury deliberation process</p>	<p>The jury takes four weeks to select the maximum six projects. The exact timing respects the faculty specifics. The coordinator of the participating teams will be notified on the jury decision through email by the BiR&D secretariat, followed by a contact from the project follow-up leader, member of BiR&D..</p>
<p>July 2010 – October 2010</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Start of the selected project, and first payment</p>	<p>Exact timing respects the university specifics.</p> <p>Payment of the first allocation (50% of total grant = 4000€), after check of the effective start-up by BiR&D follow-up team.</p>
<p>February 2011</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Midterm review and second payment</p>	<p>Progress review by a BiR&D follow-up team with the students and university supervisors, followed by second payment of 4000€</p>
<p>July 2011 – September 2011</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Submission of the finished theses</p>	<p>Submission of the written theses, after being released by the faculties, in electronic form to the same confidential part of www.birdbelgium.com by the coordinating professor.</p> <p>It is understood that a thesis can take two years to complete</p>
<p>September 2011 – November 2011</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Evaluation by BiR&D of the submitted Master of Science Theses and selection of the award winners</p>	<p>A jury composed of representatives from the BiR&D member companies will evaluate the submitted Master of Science Theses and select the Awards winners.</p>
<p>December 2011</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Master of Science Thesis Award ceremony</p>	<p>Master of Science Thesis Award ceremony in Belgium in presence of dignitaries and representatives of Universities and BiR&D-members.</p>